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The God Squad

Area churches see a growing need for volunteer security teams in wake of recent national tragedies

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — In a matter of seconds, Rick Lull aims, fires and, from some 25 feet away hits his mark, the keyhole on a doorknob.

"Accuracy is so important. That's why we practice, practice, practice. So it becomes instinctual," Lull says.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, he and other members of the church security team at Napier Parkview Baptist Church in St. Joseph Township were setting up mock scenarios for training.

A church is supposed to be a welcoming place.

But area pastors say their congregations over the past few years have expressed increased concerns about safety and security in their houses of worship.

"We want to be a place that's always open. When we greet people, we think of first impression. We lock our doors once service starts. But if someone is late for church a member of the security team will let them in. And the doors will always open out," said Dan Golladay, senior pastor at Napier Parkview Baptist.

"It's unfortunate that we have to do this. We do want to be open but if someone has bad intentions, it's best to be prepared. I take solace in knowing there are trained people looking out for the congregation," he added.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

TOP: Rick Lull leads the security team as they run through active shooter drills Sunday at Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.
ABOVE: Scott Kosachuk aims at a target Sunday while training with the security team at Napier Parkview Baptist Church.

Scott Kosachuk is a lieutenant in the fire division of the St. Joseph Department of Public Safety. He's also a member of the security team at Parkview Baptist.

"We'd rather de-escalate a situation. I really don't want to shoot anyone, but if you have to you want to get it right. I'm also a licensed paramedic so even if I have to shoot the bad guy I'm then going to render aid and try to save his life," Kosachuk said.

Renewed calls for safety

Many churches implemented security teams after 28 people were massacred at a church in Texas two years ago.

A more recent shooing at a church in Texas and a stabbing at a rabbi's house during a Hanukkah celebration in New York have renewed calls for increased security.

In the recent shooting in Texas, a gunman killed two people before a volunteer-armed security team member shot and killed him in the church near Fort Worth. That prompted Texas politicians to praise a recent law that allowed guns to be carried in places of worship.

In Michigan, even people who are licensed to carry a concealed weapon must have permission from the church leadership team to carry one in church. The exception is police officers, who are

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SJ officer to be recognized at national memorial

Francis LaMunion was killed in 1927 while serving SJPD

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A St. Joseph police officer who died in 1927 from injuries suffered while pursuing a suspect will finally get the recognition he deserves on the national memorial for fallen officers.

Thanks to the two-year effort by the city's Public Safety Department and local historian and author Chriss Lyon, Officer Francis LaMunion will have his name included on National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C., to be dedicated May 13.

> **"Only a hero would do that."**
>
> **CHRISS LYON**
> Local historian and author

Lyon, who wrote a book about another St. Joseph officer who died in the line of duty, Charles Skelly, said LaMunion's sacrifice has been "way overlooked," and she was proud to play a part in seeing him honored.

LaMunion, 23, had only been with the police department a short time when he was on motorcycle patrol on the morning of June 22, 1927. Around noon he began pursuing a speeder. Contemporary news accounts suggest that the driver was a suspected bootlegger, although Lyon's research couldn't confirm this, as the truck got away. LaMunion collided with a laundry delivery truck at the corner of Ship and Court streets.

News reports say that LaMunion was traveling about 50 miles per hour when he hit the truck that drove into the intersection. It is likely he was only wearing a cap and goggles, and not a helmet, Lyon said (another St. Joseph motorcycle cop had been seriously injured only two weeks before).

A News-Palladium article says he was taken to the St. Joseph sanitarium and examined by Dr. P.G. Hanna, and then transferred to his State Street home. The article said his injuries were not at first believed to be serious, but further examination discovered more extensive damage and that his chances of recovery were "very doubtful."

The next day he was taken back to the sanitarium. According to the entry on the Berrien County Law Enforcement Memorial website, written by Lyon, doctors found that "every organ in his body had been torn out." An emergency operation was performed, but he died shortly after 1:30 p.m. on June 23. He was buried in Watervliet.

The newspaper reported that before LaMunion lost consciousness, he exonerated the driver of the laundry truck, R.J. LaVanway, from any blame for the accident.

"Only a hero would do that," Lyon said.

LaMunion was the first St. Joseph officer to die in the line of duty. He wouldn't be the last. Only two and a half years later, Skelly was gunned down in downtown St. Joseph by Fred "Killer" Burke, an Al Capone mob member who was hiding out in Berrien County following the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago. Lyon's book "A Killing in Capone's Playground" recounts the crime and the manhunt that followed.

Lyon said it is likely that LaMunion and Skelly, who were the same age, were friends, although she hasn't been able to find any letters or other documentation on their relationship.

It was while searching on the national memorial website that Lyon realized that LaMunion had not been included, although he is listed on the Berrien County site.

She speculated that the oversight could have been over confusion about whether the officer's fatal injuries were service-related, since he died the next day.

"They have very stringent rules," Lyon said.

She contacted the person in charge of selecting officers for the national memorial, and was told they would need historical documentation, such as news articles. Steve Neubecker, director of the St. Joseph Department of Public Safety, asked Lyon to put the

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AAA: Don't drive high; marijuana use in fatal crashes up after legalization

By FRANK WITSIL
Detroit Free Press

The American Automobile Association raised concerns Thursday about pot and driving, pointing to new research that seems to suggest that marijuana legalization in Michigan and other states could lead to more fatal traffic crashes.

The association's warning: Don't dope and drive.

"Simply put, if you've used marijuana, don't drive," Jake Nelson, AAA's director of traffic safety advocacy and research, said, emphasizing that it didn't matter whether the drug was legal or not. "And if you plan to drive, don't use marijuana."

Advocates for marijuana legalization say they can agree with not driving high, but questioned assertions that making the drug legal would cause more fatal auto crashes.

Marijuana use is now legal in 11 states, including Michigan, and Washington, D.C. Another 22 states have legalized marijuana for medical use. And a Pew Research Center study last year showed two-thirds of Americans say marijuana should be legal.

Recreational marijuana sales started in Michigan last month.

AAA's research, the association said, looked at the share of drivers who tested positive for active THC – marijuana's main psychoactive ingredient – before and after the drug was legalized in Washington state at the end of 2012.

Five years prior to legalization, nearly 9 percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes tested positive for THC. But, after legalization, from 2013 to 2017, the most recent year the data was available, that percentage more than doubled to 18 percent.

The average number of THC-positive drivers also increased. In the five years before legalization, an average of 56 drivers involved in fatal crashes each year were THC-positive. In the five years after legalization, the average jumped to 130.

"It raises significant concerns," said Dr. David Yang, executive director of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Results from the analysis suggest that legalization of recreational use of marijuana may increase the rate of THC-positive drivers involved in fatal crashes."

However, Matt Able, the executive director of the Michigan chapter of the nonprofit National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said it is to be expected that legalizing marijuana increases the number of people with THC in their system.

But, he said, that doesn't mean that cannabis is causing the deaths.

Able said its best to avoid driving impaired, "whether it's from lack of sleep, alcohol or drugs, or anger."

A survey last year by the AAA Foundation found that nearly 70 percent of Americans think it's unlikely a driver will get caught by police for driving shortly after using marijuana. The survey also showed an estimated 14.8 million got behind the wheel within one hour after using marijuana in the past 30 days.

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Police open fire at 'impaired' driver in Mar-a-Lago breach

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Law enforcement agents opened fire on an SUV driver who smashed through two security checkpoints at Mar-a-Lago on Friday in what authorities described as the actions of "an obviously impaired" driver but not an intentional attack on President Donald Trump's resort.

The driver, Hannah Roemhild, 30, of Connecticut, who identifies herself on her Facebook page as an opera singer, was later arrested at a nearby motel. No one was injured, authorities said, and Trump was not at the Palm Beach club at the time, although he was scheduled to arrive there later in the day.

Roemhild was not at any time "even remotely close" to getting into the "inner perimeter" of the president's resort, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw said at a news conference.

He said Roemhild, "obviously impaired," was dancing on top of her vehicle outside the Breakers hotel, about 3 miles from Mar-a-Lago, when an off-duty Florida Highway Patrol officer who was working hotel security approached her.

Roemhild jumped into the SUV and refused to open the window or acknowledge the officer, Bradshaw said. She then put the car in reverse and began driving away. The trooper smashed the window and tried to grab the steering wheel, but was unable to stop her, the sheriff said.

Roemhild led officers on a high-speed pursuit, at times driving on the wrong side of the road at speeds nearing 70 miles, said Major Robert Chandler of the Florida Highway Patrol.

She crashed through one Mar-a-Lago checkpoint then barreled through a second, where Secret Service agents and sheriff's deputies were barely able to avoid being hit before they opened fire, Bradshaw said. The authorities fired numerous rounds, but Roemhild kept driving and was able to get away.

Investigators believe she picked up a female relative before they later located her car using a license plate reader. Roemhild ran from her car outside a nearby motel and was tackled by a trooper, Bradshaw said.

Later Friday, the SUV could be seen in the motel's parking lot, with both the driver's side window and the rear window completely shattered. The parking lot was lined with red police tape and law enforcement vehicles surrounded the property.

Bradshaw said Roemhild did not appear to have a criminal record. After Friday's events, she was going to be charged with assault on a federal officer, deadly assault on two sheriff's deputies and traffic charges, he said.

LOTTERIES

Friday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
3C-4C-6C-3D-10S
Midday Daily 3
3-1-8
Midday Daily 4
1-7-3-1
Daily 3
7-4-6
Daily 4
4-6-0-1
Fantasy 5
03-09-14-21-22
Keno
04-09-15-16-17-18-19-26-30-37-39-45-46-48-52-61-65-71-73-75-76-80
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $155 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $40 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
05-06-08-15-42
Estimated jackpot: $95,000
Cash4Life
06-11-41-49-58, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
10-12-14-25-26-32-36-37-38-43-45-48-49-52-57-63-66-70-77-78, BE: 43
Daily Three-Midday
3-7-0, SB{&}
Daily Three-Evening
8-4-1, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
2-1-6-4, SB{&}
Daily Four-Evening
1-0-5-8, SB: 6

Quick Draw Evening
01-03-09-11-13-14-18-23-38-41-45-47-53-59-65-66-68-71-73-77, BE: 45

Illinois

Lotto
01-12-15-24-28-48, Extra Shot: 15
Estimated jackpot: $5 million
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-18-19-34-44
Pick Three-Midday
2-6-9, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
6-7-3, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
1-5-0-3, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Evening
5-6-7-3, Fireball: 4
Lucky Day Lotto
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Mosaic of discarded bottlecaps transforms Venezuelan plaza

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Images of flying macaws and flowers cover a wall in El Hatillo on the outskirts of Caracas, Venezuela on Thursday. Venezuelan artist Oscar Olivares, 23, used thousands of plastic bottle caps to create this mural titled "Okomural."

WORLD

Dutch government plans to ban some forms of fireworks

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch government plans to ban the sale of most fireworks in a bid to rein in injuries and attacks on emergency service workers during unruly New Year's Eve celebrations, Prime Minister Mark Rutte said Friday.

The ban, which must be approved by parliament, would cover firecrackers and rockets, which have in recent years been thrown or fired at police, ambulance staff and firefighters responding to incidents on New Year's Eve.

"The ban is necessary because the most recent year's end again did not go well," the government said in a statement explaining its decision. "There was an unacceptable level of injury and incidents and the number of incidents of violence against police hasn't been so high in five years."

Dutch customers spend millions of euros on fireworks in the days leading up to end of year celebrations and then set them off in the streets. Eye doctors regularly report serious injuries caused by fireworks around New Year's Eve.

Opposition has grown in recent years to the tradition and some cities already have introduced firework-free zones on New Year's Eve.

People will still be allowed to buy small decorative pyrotechnics.

However, some people already visit other countries to buy and smuggle back into the Netherlands more powerful firecrackers than the ones sold here.

Poland signs $4.6 billion contract for U.S. fighter jets

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland signed a $4.6 billion deal with the United States on Friday for the purchase of 32 of its advanced F-35 fighter jets to enhance air defense on NATO's eastern flank at a time of increased Russian military activity.

Polish President Andrzej Duda said it was an "exceptionally important day for Poland's air force and for the security of Poland and of our part of Europe."

Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak signed the deal and handed the document to the U.S. ambassador to Poland, Georgette Mosbacher, during a ceremony at an air force academy in the central town of Deblin.

Duda said it was among the biggest deals in the history of Poland's armed forces and a sign of the strength of relations with the U.S.

The U.S. Department of State commended Poland's commitment to modernizing its military, saying the jet "will improve Poland's ability to provide collective and self-defense."

Poland expects to take delivery of the F-35 A Lightning II aircraft between 2024 and 2030. It will be the 10th NATO member nation to fly F-35 fighters.

NATION

Jury finds Maine man guilty of murder in machete killing

ALFRED, Maine (AP) — A Maine jury ruled on Friday that a Limington man is guilty of murder in the machete killing of his neighbor.

The jury of five women and seven men deliberated for more than four hours before reaching the verdict in the trial of Bruce Akers, the Portland Press Herald reported. Douglas Flint, 55, was reported missing in June 2016 before police searched Akers' property and found Flint's body under a pile of debris and deer hides.

Prosecutors said Akers, 61, killed Flint with a machete during a fight stemming from an argument about allegations of stolen alcohol. The assistant attorney general in the case said Akers killed Flint in a fit of rage.

Akers' defense attorney, Valerie Randall, said the police investigation was flawed and that Akers' mental health played an important role. A psychiatrist who testified during the trial said Akers suffers from mental illness and experiences paranoia and delusions.

Akers will face a minimum sentence of 25 years to life in prison when sentencing takes place.

1st case of coronavirus in N. Calif. confirmed

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A San Francisco Bay Area man who became ill after returning from a trip to China has become the seventh person in the U.S. who tested positive for the coronavirus, health authorities said Friday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed Friday the Santa Clara County resident tested positive for the virus, said Sara Cody, director of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

The man traveled to Wuhan, the epicenter of the novel coronavirus outbreak in China, and Shanghai before returning January 24 to California, where he became ill, Cody said.

The man was never sick enough to be hospitalized and "self-isolated" by staying home, she said.

The man only left home twice to seek outpatient care at a local clinic and a hospital, and public health officials are now trying to reach anyone he may have come into contact with during those times to assess whether they were exposed to the virus.

Those people, along with the few members of his household, will have to undergo a 14-day quarantine.

"Fortunately, the list of contact since his return is short," Cody said.

She said there was no risk of infection for the general public. "Although we understand this case may raise concern, it doesn't change the risk for the general public. The public at large is still at low risk," she said.

Other cases of the new pneumonia-like virus include two in Southern California, one in Washington state, one in Arizona and two in Chicago.

China on Friday confirmed nearly 10,000 cases of the virus, which can cause pneumonia and other severe respiratory symptoms. So far 213 people have died from the virus in just two months.

2nd worker dies of injuries from Texas oil well blowout

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A second worker has died of injuries from a Central Texas oil well blowout, the company said Friday.

Chesapeake Energy spokesman Gordon Pennoyer said the worker died Thursday evening at a hospital. Another worker was killed in Wednesday's blowout at a Chesapeake Energy well site near Deanville, about 75 miles east of Austin.

Two workers remained hospitalized Friday. No identities or conditions have been released, but Pennoyer said the four were employed by contractors who were replacing drilling hardware on the well.

Planned Parenthood to resume abortions at Kentucky clinic

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Planned Parenthood clinic in Louisville is resuming abortions later this year after the procedure was halted in 2016.

Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky announced on Friday that its Louisville center received a provisional license from Kentucky officials, making it the second abortion provider in Kentucky. The group says the license allows for a full range of reproductive care, including abortions, beginning in March.

Earlier this month, officials from the state Cabinet for Family and Health Services notified Planned Parenthood that it could apply for the license.

Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, a staunchly anti-abortion Republican, had ordered abortions halted at the downtown Louisville facility in 2016. The two sides had battled in court since then. Bevin lost his reelection bid to Democrat Andy Beshear in November, and Beshear, who supports abortion rights, took office on Dec. 10.

A letter sent from the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services on Jan. 3 to the Planned Parenthood clinic said the state was rescinding its earlier decision under the Bevin administration to deny an application to provide abortions.

GOP senators seek to acquit Trump without condoning conduct

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is no question, Sen. Lamar Alexander said, that President Donald Trump actions were "inappropriate" when he asked Ukraine's leader to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden.

But not bad enough, he said, to warrant Trump's removal from office, or even to hear from witnesses or other evidence.

That distinction has been embraced by other Republicans as the trial moves toward a near-certain acquittal of the president in the coming days. It's also in line with arguments from Trump's legal team, which after initially asserting that the president did "absolutely nothing wrong" moved toward insisting that Trump had done nothing impeachable – and attacked the trial as a partisan exercise.

The evolving arguments have allowed Republicans to cite political and historical grounds for acquitting Trump without feeling compelled to condone his behavior, a split-the-difference judgment that avoids a clean break with the president as he stands for reelection.

Alexander, who is retiring from office at the end of the year, was the most vocal, saying he did not need to hear more evidence to conclude that Trump was wrong to ask a foreign leader to investigate a rival.

"But," said Alexander, "the Constitution does not give the Senate the power to remove the president from office and ban him from this year's ballot simply for actions that are inappropriate."

Similarly, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, an Alaska Republican whose opinions have been closely watched because of her centrist reputation, issued a five-paragraph statement Friday that declared her opposition to witnesses without mentioning Trump once or registering any support for his actions.

"Given the partisan nature of this impeachment from the very beginning and throughout, I have come to the conclusion that there will be no fair trial in the Senate," Murkowski said. "I don't believe the continuation of this process will change anything."

Trump has repeatedly called his July 25 phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy "perfect," but a drumbeat of revelations that continued even after the trial started made that claim harder for even staunch allies to sustain.

The latest revelation came courtesy of an unpublished manuscript from former national security adviser John Bolton, who writes that Trump tied suspension of military aid to Ukraine to the country's willingness to undertake the investigations the president wanted.

Inside and outside the chamber, the president's allies spent more time questioning the relevancy of the book's content than disputing its accuracy. Republican senators signaled through their questions at trial a willingness to concede certain basic facts of the case, which made it easier them to brush off calls for more witnesses. They insist they already have the information they need to make a decision.

"For the sake of argument, one could assume everything attributable to John Bolton is accurate and still the House case would fall well below the standards to remove a president from office," Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a vocal defender of Trump's, said in a statement.

One question this week from Sens. Susan Collins and Mitt Romney, two Republicans who on Friday joined Democrats in seeking witness testimony, and Murkowski who voted against witnesses, asked whether Trump could be guilty of the abuse of power count if he was motivated by both national interest and "personal political advantage." It was a clear indication that the trio did not dispute that Trump had in fact, been inspired by the pursuit of a "personal political advantage."

Nor did Trump deputy White House counsel Pat Philbin, when it came time to answer the question. He simply suggested that a president cannot be removed from office for having mixed motives.

"There's always some personal interest in the electoral outcome of policy decisions," Philbin said, "and there's nothing wrong with that."

Trump acquittal now likely Wednesday; Senate nixes witnesses

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., right, walks to meet with Senate Republicans on Capitol Hill in Washington on Friday, after the Senate voted to not allow witnesses in the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

Steve Helber / AP

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., right, talks to the media as he returns to the Senate chamber for the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol on Friday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — The Senate narrowly rejected Democratic demands to summon witnesses for President Donald Trump's impeachment trial late Friday, all but ensuring Trump's acquittal in just the third trial to threaten a president's removal in U.S. history. But senators moved to push off final voting on his fate to next Wednesday.

The delay in timing showed the weight of a historic vote bearing down on senators, despite prodding by the president eager to have acquittal behind him in an election year and ahead of his State of the Union speech Tuesday.

Under an agreement to be voted on Friday night, the trial would resume Monday for final arguments, with time Monday and Tuesday for senators to speak. The final voting would be Wednesday, the day after Trump's speech.

Trump's acquittal appeared all but set after a hard-fought effort to allow new witness es was defeated 51-49 on a near party-line vote. Republicans Susan Collins of Maine and Mitt Romney of Utah voted with the Democrats, but that was not enough.

Despite the Democrats singular focus on hearing new testimony, the Republican majority brushed past those demands to make this the first impeachment trial without witnesses. Even new revelations Friday from former national security adviser John Bolton did not sway GOP senators, who said they'd heard enough.

That means the eventual outcome for Trump will be an acquittal "in name only," said Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla., a House prosecutor, during final debate. Some called it a cover-up.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer called Friday night's results "a tragedy on a very large scale." Protesters' chants reverberated against the walls of the Capitol.

But Republicans said Trump's acquittal is justified and inevitable.

"The sooner the better for the country," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Trump confidant. "Let's turn the page."

The next steps come in the heart of presidential campaign season before a divided nation. Democratic caucus voting begins Monday in Iowa, and Trump gives his State of the Union address the next night. Four Democratic candidates have been chafing in the Senate chamber rather than campaigning.

Trump was impeached by the House last month on charges the he abused power and obstructed Congress like no other president has done as he tried to pressure Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden, and then blocked the congressional probe of his actions.

The Democrats had badly wanted testimony from Bolton, whose forthcoming book links Trump directly to the charges. But Bolton won't be summoned, and none of this appeared to affect the trial's expected outcome. Democrats forced a series of procedural votes late Friday to call Bolton and White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, among others, but they were all being rejected.

In an unpublished manuscript, Bolton writes that the president asked him during an Oval Office meeting in early May to bolster his effort to get Ukraine to investigate Democrats, according to a person who read the passage and told The Associated Press. The person, who was not authorized to disclose contents of the book, spoke only on condition of anonymity.

In the meeting, Bolton said the president asked him to call new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and persuade him to meet with Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, who was planning to go to Ukraine to coax the Ukrainians to investigate the president's political rivals. Bolton writes that he never made the call to Zelenskiy after the meeting, which included acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and White House Counsel Pat Cipollone.

The revelation adds more detail to allegations of when and how Trump first sought to influence Ukraine to aid investigations of his rivals that are central to the abuse of power charge in the first article of impeachment.

The story was first reported Friday by The New York Times.

Trump issued a quick denial.

"I never instructed John Bolton to set up a meeting for Rudy Giuliani, one of the greatest corruption fighters in America and by far the greatest mayor in the history of NYC, to meet with President Zelenskiy," Trump said. "That meeting never happened."

Key Republican senators said even if Trump committed the offenses as charged by the House, they are not impeachable and the partisan proceedings must end.

"I didn't need any more evidence because I thought it was proved that the president did what he was charged with doing," retiring GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, a late holdout, told reporters Friday at the Capitol. "But that didn't rise to the level of an impeachable offense."

Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said she, too, would oppose more testimony in the charged partisan atmosphere, having "come to the conclusion that there will be no fair trial in the Senate." She said, "The Congress has failed."

Eager for a conclusion, Trump's allies nevertheless suggested the shift in timing to extend the proceedings into next week, acknowledging the significance of the moment for senators who want to give final speeches.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made the offer to Schumer, but it was not yet final.

Under the proposal, the Senate would resume Monday for final arguments, with time Monday and Tuesday for senators to speak. The final voting would be Wednesday.

Britain leaves the European Union, leaps into the unknown

By JILL LAWLESS and RAF CASERT
Associated Press

LONDON — So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu.

With little fanfare, Britain left the European Union on Friday after 47 years of membership, taking a leap into the unknown in a historic blow to the bloc.

The U.K.'s departure became official at 11 p.m., midnight in Brussels, where the EU is headquartered. Thousands of enthusiastic Brexit supporters gathered outside Britain's Parliament to welcome the moment they'd longed for since Britain's 52 percent-48 percent vote in June 2016 to walk away from the club it had joined in 1973. The flag-waving crowd erupted in cheers as Big Ben bonged 11 times – on a recording. Parliament's real bell has been silenced for repairs.

In a message from nearby 10 Downing St., Prime Minister Boris Johnson called Britain's departure "a moment of real national renewal and change."

But many Britons mourned the loss of their EU identity, and some marked the passing with tearful vigils. There was also sadness in Brussels as British flags were quietly removed from the bloc's many buildings.

Whether Brexit makes Britain a proud nation that has reclaimed its sovereignty, or a diminished presence in Europe and the world, will be debated for years to come.

While Britain's exit is a historic moment, it only marks the end of the first stage of the Brexit saga. When Britons wake up on Saturday, they will notice very little change. The U.K. and the EU have given themselves an 11-month "transition period" – in which the U.K. will continue to follow the bloc's rules – to strike new agreements on trade, security and a host of other areas.

The now 27-member EU will have to bounce back from one of its biggest setbacks in its 62-year history to confront an ever more complicated world as its former member becomes a competitor, just across the English Channel.

French President Emmanuel Macron called Brexit a "historic alarm signal" that should force the EU to improve itself.

"It's a sad day, let's not hide it," he said in a televised address. "But it is a day that must also lead us to do things differently."

He insisted that European citizens need a united Europe "more than ever," to defend their interests in the face of China and the United States, to cope with climate change and migration and technological upheaval.

Frank Augstein / AP

Brexit supporters celebrate during a rally in London, Friday. Britain leaves the European Union after 47 years, leaping into an unknown future in historic blow to the bloc.

In the many EU buildings of Brussels on Friday, British flags were quietly lowered, folded and taken away. This is the first time a country has left the EU, and many in the bloc rued the day. EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen lamented that "as the sun rises tomorrow, a new chapter for our union of 27 will start."

But she warned Brexit day would mark a major loss for the U.K. and said the island nation was heading for a lonelier existence.

"Strength does not lie in splendid isolation, but in our unique union," she said.

Johnson insisted post-Brexit Britain would be "simultaneously a great European power and truly global in our range and ambitions."

"We want this to be the beginning of a new era of friendly cooperation between the EU and an energetic Britain," Johnson said in a pre-recorded address to the country broadcast an hour before Britain's exit.

In a break with usual practice, independent media outlets were not allowed to film Johnson's speech, which the government recorded Thursday at 10 Downing St.

Johnson won an election victory in December with a dual promise to "get Brexit done" and deliver improved jobs, infrastructure and services for Britain's most deprived areas, where support for leaving the EU is strongest. On Friday, he symbolically held a Cabinet meeting in the pro-Brexit town of Sunderland in northeast England, rather than in London.

Johnson is a Brexit enthusiast, but he knows many Britons aren't, and his Conservative government sought to mark the moment with quiet dignity. Red, white and blue lights illuminated government buildings and a countdown clock projected onto the prime minister's Downing Street residence.

There was no such restraint in nearby Parliament Square, where arch-Brexiteer Nigel Farage gathered a crowd of several thousand, who belted out the patriotic song "Land of Hope and Glory" as they waited for the moment that even Farage sometimes doubted would ever come.

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Travelers wear face masks as a screen shows a video about the proper way to wear a mask at the Beijing Railway Station in Beijing, Friday. The U.S. advised against all travel to China on Friday after the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a new virus that has spread to more than a dozen countries a global emergency.

U.S. bars foreigners coming from China for now over virus fear

By KEN MORITSUGU and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

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Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, front, and other government officials wear protective face masks before a press conference in Hong Kong, Friday.

WASHINGTON — The United States on Friday declared a public health emergency and took drastic steps to significantly restrict entry into the country because of a new virus that hit China and has spread to other nations.

President Donald Trump has signed an order that will temporarily bar foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have traveled in China within the last 14 days. The new restrictions, which take effect at 5 p.m. EST on Sunday, were announced by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, who is coordinating the U.S. response.

"It is likely that we will continue to see more cases in the United States in the coming days and weeks, including some limited person-to-person transmissions," Azar said. "The American public can be assured the full weight of the U.S. government is working to safeguard the health and safety of the American people."

Americans returning from China will be allowed into the country, but will face screening at select ports of entry and required to undertake 14 days of self-screening to ensure they don't pose a health risk. Those returning from Hubei province, the center of the outbreak, will be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine.

Beginning Sunday, the U.S. will also begin funneling all flights to the U.S. from China to seven major airports where passengers can be screened for illness.

The virus has infected almost 10,000 people globally in just two months, a troublesome sign that prompted the World Health Organization to declare the outbreak a global emergency. The death toll stood at 213, including 43 new fatalities, all in China.

A public health emergency in the U.S. allows the government to tap additional resources to send to states, such as emergency funding and if necessary drugs or equipment from the national stockpile, and to suspend certain legal requirements.

Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said that while the risk in the U.S. is low, "I want to emphasize that this is a significant global situation and it continues to evolve."

There are seven cases of this virus in the U.S. and all were travelers except for a Chicago man who caught it from his wife, who had been in China.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, infectious diseases chief at the National Institutes of Health, said one reason the U.S. stepped up its quarantine measures was an alarming report from Germany that a traveler from China had spread the virus despite showing no symptoms. Fauci contrasted it with the response to recent outbreaks of Ebola, which can't be spread unless someone is very ill.

At the same time, federal health authorities were recognizing that the test they're using to detect the virus isn't always dependable. Redfield said when it was used on some of the people currently in isolation, they'd test positive one day and negative another.

Lawrence Gostin, a Georgetown University expert on public health law, said putting a large number of people under quarantine "is virtually unprecedented in modern American history."

Declaring a public health emergency "gives HHS added powers, and is warranted. Quarantine of those returning from Hubei is also reasonable given the high risk of exposure to coronavirus in that province," he said.

U.S. evacuees 'relieved' about quarantine on military base

RIVERSIDE, California — Nearly 200 Americans evacuated from China because of the new virus are "very relieved' to be quarantined at a military base in Southern California for two weeks, one of them said Friday.

"All of us really want to stay here and make sure we're all medically clear and the public safe," said Matthew L. McCoy, a theme park designer who lives in China.

McCoy is among the 195 Americans who returned on a charter flight earlier this week from Wuhan, the Chinese city at the center of the outbreak. Initially, health officials asked them to stay at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside for up to three days of monitoring and testing.

On Friday, the government ordered them into quarantine for two weeks. Health officials believe it can take up to two weeks for someone who is infected to get sick. So far there's been no sign of illness.

It was the first federal order since 1963, when a woman was quarantined after she returned from a trip to Sweden during a smallpox outbreak, and she could not prove that she had been vaccinated.

"We understand this action may seem drastic. We would rather be remembered for overreacting than underreacting," said Dr. Nancy Messonnier of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

How much will the coronavirus spread? It's a question of biology and math

By TOM AVRIL
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

PHILADELPHIA — When a Lehigh Valley man came down with a fever, diarrhea and cough, he made no connection between his symptoms and those of the more than 2,000 people who had been sickened with a mysterious new virus that had emerged in China.

He hadn't been to China, nor anywhere else in Asia, where most cases had occurred.

Eleven days and two hospital visits later, it turned out he had the same illness they did: SARS. Researchers later determined that before his April 2003 diagnosis – at a time when he could have been spreading the virus – he had come into close, unprotected contact with 26 people: family members, health care workers, fellow patients and one bank teller.

Yet in a reminder that predicting the spread of infectious disease is an inexact science, none of the 26 became ill with SARS – severe acute respiratory syndrome.

The new coronavirus, a cousin of the virus that causes SARS, also has sickened thousands. So far it appears to be less deadly, though it has killed more than 170 people in China, where it is thought to have emerged at a large live-animal market in Wuhan.

Will world health officials snuff it out as they did SARS, through a combination of travel restrictions, surveillance and isolation of patients? Or will it persist like the flu, an annual, ever-morphing visitor that already has killed more than 8,200 Americans this season?

A key part of the answer is something called a reproduction number: the number of people that each patient with a given virus will infect, on average. That depends on biology: how well the virus survives in the environment, and how readily it penetrates human cells, where it makes millions of copies of itself to keep the cycle going.

So far, epidemiologists estimate that each person infected with the new coronavirus is infecting roughly two people on average – putting it in the same realm as SARS and the flu, but well below measles, with a reproduction number as high as 18.

Left to its own devices, any virus with a reproduction number above one – meaning that each patient infects, on average at least one additional person – will continue to spread in a susceptible population. But with protective measures, such as vaccination and placing patients in isolation, the effective reproduction number of a virus can be driven below 1.

The more dangerous a virus is, the less it may spread. If it kills patients rapidly, or simply makes them too sick to leave home, a virus is less likely to be transmitted, said Alison A. Evans, an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Drexel University.

"The virus really wants to be out there infecting people as long as possible," she said.

And the spreadability of a given virus can vary widely, said David N. Fisman, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Toronto.

Take the one that causes SARS. While its average reproduction number is thought to be somewhere between two and three, a few patients in the initial outbreak were identified as "super-spreaders" – in one case, infecting more than two dozen additional people, Fisman said.

Yet the Lehigh Valley patient infected nobody.

The 52-year-old man was exposed to the virus in late March 2003 while attending a religious retreat in Toronto. He was among more than a dozen members who would eventually fall ill, apparently after one of them came in contact with a person who had become infected in Hong Kong.

But the cluster was not identified until April 9 – three days after the Pennsylvania man's first visit to a hospital emergency room, according to a review by CDC and state health officials. He was sent home but continued to feel ill. On April 14, he went to a second hospital, Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, in Bethlehem, where he was diagnosed with SARS after telling physicians he had been in Toronto.

The difference between whether a patient is a super-spreader or a "dead end" may depend on treatment, Fisman said. If the person has severe symptoms and nurses have to stick a breathing tube down the patient's throat, that procedure can generate clouds of tiny, virus-laden particles, he said.

"They're surrounded by a team trying to help them," Fisman said. "Everyone's crowded in close. All that generates a ton of aerosols."

That's a key reason the measles virus is so infectious: a patient can put virus in the air simply by breathing. The tiny particles can remain aloft, infecting someone else who enters the room up to two hours later.

But for some other respiratory viruses such as the flu and SARS, the infectious particles tend to be carried by heavier droplets from regular coughing and sneezing. These do not travel as far, said Mark Shelly, health care epidemiologist for the Geisinger health system in Danville, Pa.

In 2003, one patient who was hospitalized with SARS did not transmit the virus to patients in beds on either side, located three feet away. But the patient did transmit the virus to a person who came to visit, standing within the three-foot range, Shelly said.

Evidence so far suggests that the new coronavirus, like its cousin that causes SARS, is behaving similarly, he and Fisman agreed. Take precautions as you would with the flu: Avoid sick people and wash hands.

Stocks sink on fears virus outbreak will dent global economy

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Stocks fell sharply on Wall Street Friday as fears spread through the markets that a virus outbreak emanating from China will dent global growth.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average skidded more than 600 points and the S&P 500 index erased its gains for January.

Technology companies, which do a lot of business with China, led the losses. Airlines fell after Delta and American suspended flights to and from the country.

Just two weeks ago, the S&P 500 had closed at an all-time high, having climbed around 13 percent since early October. A preliminary trade deal signed by the U.S. and China earlier in the month eased a big source of uncertainty in the markets. Volatility was running at 12-month lows and even a dust up between the U.S. and Iran didn't rock markets.

Then came the virus outbreak in China.

Markets around the globe have sold off on concerns about the potential economic impact of the outbreak. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 5.9 percent this week and South Korea's Kospi dropped 5.7 percent. Markets in Europe declined as well. The U.S. stock market, which had calmly been setting record after record, suffered its worst January since 2016 and its first monthly loss since August.

China's stock markets reopen Monday after being closed since Jan. 23 for the Lunar New Year. A lot of pent-up selling has likely built up in the meantime.

Some funds that try to mimic the movements of Chinese indexes are still trading in the United States and elsewhere. These exchange-traded funds, or ETFs, are moving on investors' expectations for where Chinese stocks would be if markets in mainland China were still open. The Xtrackers Harvest CSI 300 China A-Shares ETF tracks an index of large stocks that trade in Shanghai and Shenzhen, for example. It's down roughly 9 percent since Jan. 23.

The virus has infected almost 10,000 people in just two months, mostly in China. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak a global emergency, a designation that signals that the virus is now a significant risk to other countries and requires a global response. The death toll stood at 213, including 43 new fatalities, all in China.

"It seems like the equity market is now coming around to the realization that maybe this is something that may linger for some time," said Sameer Samana, senior global market strategist at Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

American Airlines fell 3.2 percent and Delta Air Lines slipped 2.4 percent. Apple, which relies on Chinese consumers for sales and factories for supplies, fell 3.9 percent. Nvidia slid 3.8 percent and other chipmakers slipped.

Amazon was a rare bright spot in the market Friday. The online retailer surged 7.4 percent after blowing past Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit forecasts. The company said Prime membership exploded 50 percent since it last disclosed that figure in 2018.

The S&P 500 sank 58.14 points, or 1.8 percent, to 3,225.52. The Dow Jones industrials fell 603.41 points, or 2.1 percent to 28,256.03 The Nasdaq dropped 148 points, or 1.6 percent, to 9,150.94.

Bond prices rose, a signal that investors are seeking safety. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.51 percent from 1.55 percent late Thursday.

In another sign of how much fear is in the market, the yield on the three-month Treasury rose above the 10-year yield, a relatively rare occurrence that hasn't happened since October. Investors see such inversions as a fairly reliable warning signal of a recession within a year or so, though the track record isn't perfect.

Economists are scrambling to calculate the virus' impact on China's economy. The Chinese economy is far bigger and more closely integrated with the rest of the world than it was at the time of the SARS outbreak 17 years ago. China now accounts for 16 percent of global economic output, up from 4 percent in 2003.

Ben May, director of global macro research at Oxford Economics, estimates that the virus will shave 0.4 percentage points off Chinese economic growth this year, leaving it at 5.6 percent, the slowest since 1990, and reduce global growth by 0.2 percentage points to 2.3 percent, the weakest since the financial crisis.

GOD SQUAD

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allowed to carry a gun anywhere. They must, however, display a badge and photo ID if asked.

Lull, who is head of security at the Berrien County Courthouse, leads the emergency response and security team at his church. He said a planning committee was formed three years ago, and the team was implemented a year later.

"We already had planned to reveal our security team to the congregation on what turned out to be the day after the mass shooting at the Texas church, and we did," Lull said. "The congregation was very supportive of it."

Lull said the team at his church has done scenario training with greeters and ushers, who can alert security team members to potential threats. In the event of an emergency requiring a response from area police departments, things are in place for them to quickly identify members of the church security team who may have pulled their guns.

Lull is a stickler for shooting accuracy and proper techniques, and says target practice is extremely important. He said several officers who are members of their church security teams practice regularly and target shoot competitively at the Bend of the River Conservation Club. They call themselves The God Squad.

"Seconds count, and accuracy counts," Lull said.

Screening potential team members

John Burg, a bailiff at the Berrien County Courthouse, is a security team member for the First Church of God, which is based in St. Joseph but also has campuses in Benton Township and Stevensville. He said the team was created about two years ago after the massacre in Texas.

People applying to be on the church security team must have a complete background check, be a member who attends the church for at least six months and have CPR and first aid training. The applicant also will be interviewed by members of the safety and security team, and qualify on a firing range with at least two current members of the team.

Dan Miller, lead pastor at The Summit Church in Niles, said his church developed a security team a couple of years ago.

"I think with the awareness of some of the heightened alerts across in the country, and things happening, we wanted to be prudent. There were people in the congregation who, it was on their minds, and they were willing to step up and be the eyes and ears, watching for any kind of danger. They are constantly vigilant," Miller said.

Miller leads a congregation of more than 500 people. He said the security team includes a number of certified police officers and some people who are not police officers but have undergone all the necessary training.

"We've brought people in to train our team, church security experts who are involved with state police agencies in our area. These are people who have created some training materials. We do some in-house training as well," Miller said.

A tailored program

Capt. Rockey Adams, Emergency Management and Homeland Security coordinator for the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, said church security has been part of the department's Active Violence Program for about five years. The Active Violence Program is a general program that can be used for any facility, tailoring the program specifics to the type of facility.

The team of Adams, Sgt. Ron Bush, assistant coordinator for Emergency Management and Homeland Security; and Deputy Dave Albers, homeland security planner, has developed presentations they will take to anyplace that requests the training.

"Churches can be a tough environment. They have to balance between presenting a welcoming environment and balancing security," Adams said. But we've identified there's a need for this, and people are hungry for information."

He said that over the past couple of years, he has presented to more than 5,000 people and Albers has presented to well over 10,000.

Adams said that while specific plans at various facilities remain confidential, in general the training includes identifying a potential threat, noting whether it is actively going on, identifying the mode of attack, calling for help, creating distance, running and/or hiding in a place where a barricade can be used, and preparing to fight if necessary.

"For places of worship we have two different presentations we can give, one for the congregation and one for the security team and administrators. We are also available to conduct vulnerability assessments," Adams said.

He said that on average, the sheriff's office is getting at least five requests per month for the training.

"More and more churches are developing security teams. It's sad for everyone that this is happening. I think we have to continue to find the root cause, divert some energy into figuring out how to change the violent nature. We don't have a single solution. Some people are just evil, and spread a message of evil, going after a place that represents good," Adams said.

"Church leadership in the area are doing a lot of planning in the background. They're working hard. They want everyone to be safe. Many are using off-duty police officers who attend their churches. They can use their skills, and it's in our nature to want to help people," he added.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Rick Lull leads Larry Shane as they practice room-clearing techniques last Sunday at Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor.

Lull leads Larry Shane as they practice room clearing techniques.

A balancing act

Miller said churches and their security teams must balance handling potential threats with trying to keep an environment that is conducive to worshiping.

"I think we use both prudence and faith to determine what's best. The wisdom of knowing what to do, combined with faith. Ultimately our faith is in God and we trust Him. He is our shield and protector but there are things we can do to make ourselves not be a soft target," Miller said.

"A lot is about watching, being aware of our people. The people who are serving in this ministry just have a heart for service and are willing to help people in many different sways. Several people have had some medical issues they've responded to. We've had a few potential threats that increased our awareness on a Sunday. Nothing has materialized," he said.

Miller said part of the training for the security team is knowing when to call local police departments for help.

"There have been some suspicious activities that we needed some heightened awareness, but nothing that required an emergency response. We are literally the eyes and ears, and every one of those on the safety team are ready at any moment to call local law enforcement, and we would call immediately if need be," he added.

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MEMORIAL

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papers together.

She also needed to notify the next of kin. Lyon had been in touch with LaMunion's sister, Eleanor, who was 4 when he died and attended the local officers' memorial every year until she died in 2014, at age 92.

Her daughter, Cheryl Wilkie, of Berrien Center, continued the family's presence at the annual event. At the 2015 memorial, Wilkie said the siblings adored each other. She had a post card LaMunion sent to his little sister while he was in training in Detroit saying how much he wished she was with him and "you're my girl."

"The family took it very hard," Lyon said. LaMunion's girlfriend had a nervous breakdown as a result and died an early, tragic death, according to Lyon.

In an ironic twist, the grandson of the driver of the truck that LaMunion struck, Mike LaVanway, became a Berrien County sheriff's deputy. In a further coincidence, members of the LaMunion and LaVanway families were neighbors, but never knew about their connections to the tragedy.

Lyon hopes that she, along with members of the LaMunion family, can attend this year's ceremony in Washington, which she said is usually visited by the president.

Noting Neubecker's comments, Lyon said the purpose of the memorial is to "honor those who gave their lives to provide safety for the rest of us."

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Each year, *Berrien County Career and Technical* Education (CTE) offers state-approved, high quality career and technical education programs to any high school student throughout Berrien County. CTE prepares young students for employment and/or post-secondary education in a broad range of occupations representing 16 state-identified career clusters. Participants must enroll through their resident public school district and have met program prerequisites, if any. All students who reside in or attend school in Berrien County are eligible to participate. Contact your local high school counselor or CTE Director for additional information or to enroll.

Below is a list of CTE programs and the districts offering them:

Cluster	CTE Program/ District Offering Program
Agriscience, Foods & Natural Resources	**Agriscience** • Countryside Academy • Niles Community Schools
Architecture and Construction	**Construction Trades** • Benton Harbor Area Schools • Berrien Springs Public Schools • New Buffalo Area Schools
Arts, A/V Technology and Communications	**Graphic Arts** • Niles Community Schools • St. Joseph Public Schools **Commercial Arts** • St. Joseph Public Schools **Radio & Television Broadcasting** • Benton Harbor Area Schools
Business, Management & Administration	**Business Administration** • Berrien Springs Public Schools • Brandywine Community Schools • Bridgman Public Schools • Buchanan Community Schools • Coloma Community Schools • St. Joseph Public Schools
Education & Training	**Education General** • Lakeshore Public Schools
Finance	**Finance/Accounting** • Berrien Springs Public Schools • Brandywine Community Schools • Bridgman Public Schools • Coloma Community Schools • River Valley School District • St. Joseph Public Schools
Health Science	**Allied Health** • Lakeshore Public Schools • Niles Community Schools • St. Joseph Public Schools **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)** • Coloma Community Schools • Lakeshore Public Schools **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** • Berrien Springs Public Schools **Professional Health Careers Academy (PHCA)** • Coloma Community Schools • Niles Community Schools **Sports Medicine** • Buchanan Community Schools • St. Joseph Public Schools

Cluster	CTE Program/ District Offering Program
Hospitality and Tourism	**Culinary Arts** • Benton Harbor Area Schools • Buchanan Community Schools • Niles Community Schools • River Valley School District • St. Joseph Public Schools
Human Services	**Cosmetology** • Buchanan Community Schools
Information Technology	**Digital/Multimedia & Information Resources Design** • Benton Harbor Area Schools • Buchanan Community Schools • Coloma Community Schools **Computer Systems Networking** • Benton Harbor Area Schools **CISCO** • Buchanan Community Schools
Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security	**Criminal Justice** • Berrien Springs Public Schools **Fire Fighting** • Berrien Springs Public Schools
Manufacturing	**Machine Tool** • Brandywine Community Schools • Coloma Community Schools • Lakeshore Public Schools **Welding, Brazing & Soldering** • Coloma Community Schools • Lakeshore Public Schools • Niles Community Schools **Woodworking** • St. Joseph Public Schools
Marketing	**Marketing** • Bridgman Public Schools • Lakeshore Public Schools • Niles Community Schools • St. Joseph Public Schools
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	**Mechanical Drafting** • Brandywine Community Schools • Lakeshore Public Schools **Mechatronics/Robotics** • Niles Community Schools
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	**Automotive Technician (NATEF Certified)** • Brandywine Community Schools • Buchanan Community Schools • Coloma Community Schools • Lakeshore Public Schools • Niles Community School

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Lake Michigan College will start its drive in late February to raise $3.5 million to build a new South Campus near Niles, the college Board of Trustees was told last night.

The project depends on raising the money from private sources to match a $2.4 million state grant. The proposed 34,195-square-foot building will be used for technical training for industry, basically for the plastics and metal working industries, in addition to regular college classes.

35 years ago – 1985

Berrien County Sheriff's Capt. Paul Mills retired yesterday after 25-½ years with the department. The gravel-voiced Mills, who started as a corporal in July of 1959, said his last day as head of the department's detective bureau was just like any other day – he worked right up to quitting time.

Mills joined the department as a corporal, a rank that no longer exists, and was promoted to sergeant in 1968 when Forrest "Nick" Jewell, the current sheriff, resigned from the department to run for sheriff.

50 years ago – 1970

Survey questionnaires aimed at 2,400 employers in the Berrien County and Van Buren County served by Lake Michigan College will be mailed tomorrow. Employers will be asked to indicate needs for manpower skills that are or will be in short supply in a survey being conducted by Lake Michigan College and Michigan Employment Securities Commission.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2020. There are 334 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members: commander Rick Husband; pilot William McCool; payload commander Michael Anderson; mission specialists Kalpana Chawla, David Brown and Laurel Clark; and payload specialist Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli in space.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1862, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," a poem by Julia Ward Howe, was published in the Atlantic Monthly.

In 1942, during World War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

In 1943, during World War II, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

In 1982, "Late Night with David Letterman" premiered on NBC.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain & Snow Possible	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible	Scattered Snow
37°	29°	44° / 36°	42° / 35°	36° / 28°	32° / 24°

Local Outlook

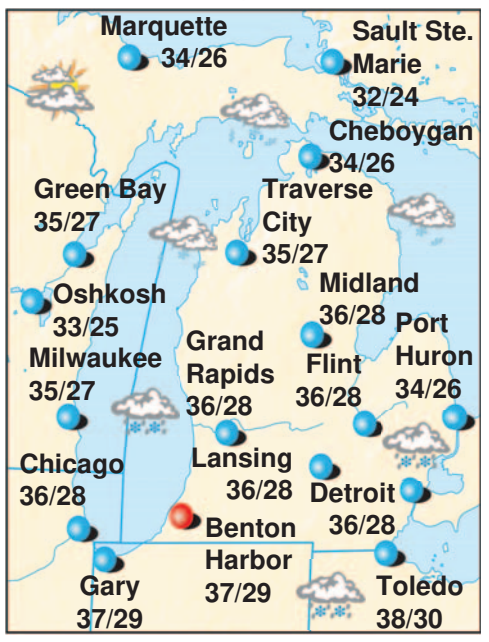
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain and snow, high of 37°, humidity of 80%. Southwest wind 8 to 15 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 29°. Southwest wind 13 to 16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:59 a.m.
Sunset	5:59 p.m.
Moonrise	11:53 a.m.
Moonset	12:38 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
2/1	2/9	2/15	2/23

Regional Map



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Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature	
High	36°
Low	30°
Normal High	32°
Normal Low	17°
Record High	56° in 2012
Record Low	-18° in 2019
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.86"
Normal for month	1.75"
Year to date	3.86"
Normal Year to date	1.75"

Air Quality

Yesterday	35
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

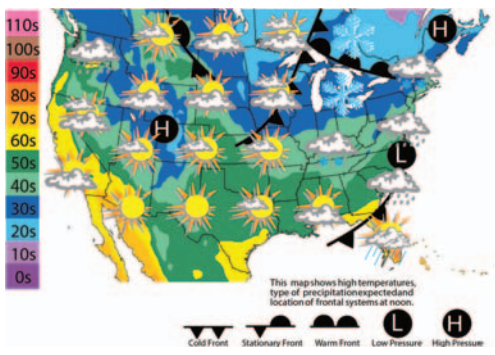
Weather Trivia

What is the temperature of lightning?

Answer: It is estimated at 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 1, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, WSW wind 12 to 18 kt. A slight chance of snow showers, mixing with rain. Waves 2 to 4 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 40s. West southwest wind 9 to 13 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 8 to 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 40s. West southwest wind 9 to 16 mph.

Aretha Franklin's niece quitting as executor of estate

PONTIAC (AP) — A niece of Aretha Franklin said she's quitting as representative of the late singer's estate, citing a rift in the family since handwritten wills were discovered.

"Given my aunt's love of family and desire for privacy, this is not what she would have wanted for us, nor is it what I want," Sabrina Owens said in a letter filed Thursday in a suburban Detroit court.

The "Queen of Soul" died without a known will in August 2018. Owens, an administrator at the University of Michigan, said she became manager of the estate at the request of Franklin's four sons.

Nine months later, Owens reported that three handwritten wills had been discovered in Franklin's home, including one under cushions in the living room. One document seems to indicate that Franklin wanted a son, Kecalf Franklin, to serve as executor or representative.

A judge last August said a handwriting expert could examine the documents. Another son, Theodore White II, asked the judge to make him co-representative of the estate with Owens. Meanwhile, court filings show a mediator has been privately working with the parties.

"I hope that my departure will allow the business of the estate to continue, calm the rift in my family and allow me to return to my personal life," Owens said. "I love my cousins, hold no animosity towards them, and wish them the best."

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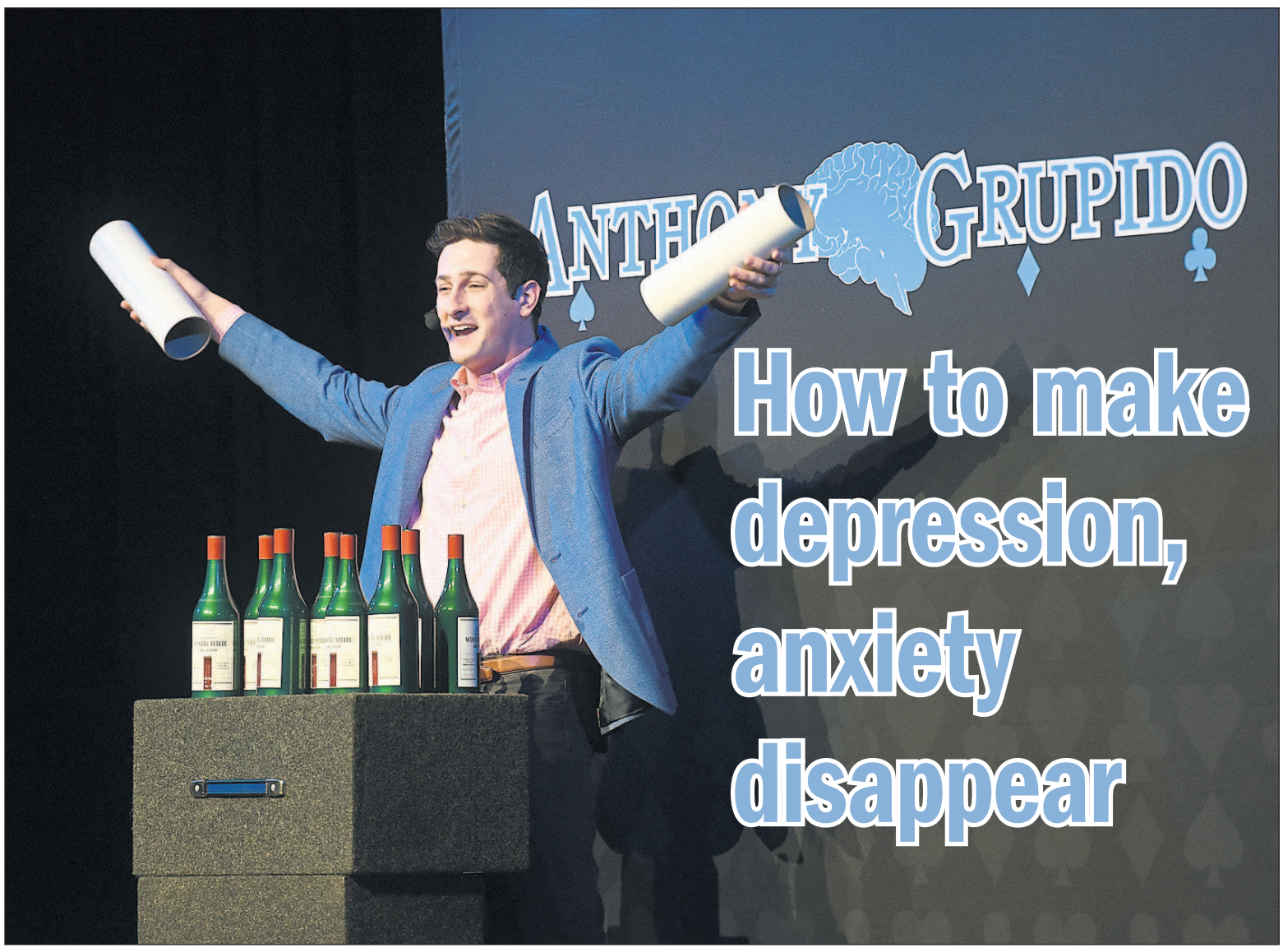

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Magician Anthony Grupido performs a variety of magic tricks during a program focusing on mental wellness and coping skills Friday afternoon at St. Joseph High School.

Magician, wellness advocate entertains SJ students

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Anthony Grupido knows how hard it can be to deal with stress and anxiety.

Due to his own struggles with depression, Grupido visits schools with a magic-themed presentation that educates students about mental wellness and coping skills.

It's why he spent his Friday morning at Upton Middle School, and later that afternoon at St. Joseph High School.

Sponsored by the Mike Wagner Memorial, Grupido took the stage to perform several magic tricks and illusions – all while telling personal stories and sprinkling in some advice.

Students learned that one out of four people have a mental illness and nine out of 10 cases in which people die by suicide are treatable.

Grupido, however, shied away from the numbers and was blunt about his past.

"For those of you who think your pain, your stresses, your trauma are unique – they're not. They're part of the human experience. Everyone experiences pain," Grupido said. "Break-ups, divorces, these things happen. You're going to lose people when you get older. It's part of the human experience."

For starters, Grupido advised listeners to stay away from negative coping mechanisms like unhealthy food, drugs or alcohol.

"If you treat your body like trash, what do you think the outcome is going to be? You're not going to feel good," he said.

He referred to himself as a goofball, with hobbies like magic, building computers and playing the video game World of Warcraft.

His anxiety took root when he was bullied so bad in middle school that he had to move away.

However, Grupido attended a high school that had one of the highest suicide rates in the nation at the time.

His depression only escalated when his dreams of making it to college on a wrestling scholarship were shattered.

"My opponent took me straight back and I hit my head and tore both my rotator cuffs and damaged my head pretty badly," Grupido said.

He was told he would never wrestle again. After three suicide attempts, Grupido channeled a different passion in his life, magic.

Thanks to his out-of-the-box method of teaching teens about anxiety, he was named to the "Oakland Counties Elite 40 Under 40" for improving the quality of life in his community, and it has landed him a role as Ambassador for the Children's Hospital of

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Grupido escapes from chains and a straitjacket Friday afternoon at St. Joseph High School.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Drugs

Elex J. Dubar III, 26, of Post Court, Bridgman, 90 days in jail, credit for 50 days served, $1,938 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for possession of narcotics, less than 25 grams cocaine, Nov. 12, 2019, in Bridgman.

Amanda P. Hang, 31, of Allen Park, 2-20 years in prison, credit for 2 days served, and $258 in costs for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, between 50 and 449 grams cocaine, Sept. 5, 2019, in New Buffalo Township.

Child support

Stephen R. Watson, of Butler, Ind., two concurrent terms of 180 days in jail, credit for 165 days served, $776 in fines and costs and $11,034 in restitution for failure to pay child support between July 1, 2013, and March 31, 2019, in St. Joseph. Watson was sentenced as a three-time habitual offender.

David A. Kiste, 33, of Kinne Road, Galien, 11 days in jail, credit for 11 days served, $198 in costs, $7,155 in restitution and 2 years probation for failure to pay child support between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1, 2019, in St. Joseph; and a concurrent term of 90 days, $1,838 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for third-degree fleeing police Dec, 11, 2019 in Lake Township.

Assault

Louis L. James Jr., 32, of Carlisle, Ind., 50 months to 10 years in prison, credit for 346 days served, and $198 in costs for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, an assault on Mark Hankton; and a concurrent term of 50 months to 15 years and $68 in costs for unarmed robbery Dec. 6, 2005, in Benton Township.

Shamonte D. Buchanan, 22, of Union Avenue, Benton Harbor, 1-5 years in prison, credit for 75 days served, and $198 in costs for domestic violence third offense, an assault on a woman, Nov. 5, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Fleeing/resisting police

Cody A. Bryant, 27, no permanent address, 210 days in jail, credit for 49 days served, and $198 in costs for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Nicholas Sofield Dec. 10, 2019, in Watervliet Township.

Larceny/fraud

Christopher R. Kelley, 31, of LaPorte, Ind., 1 year in jail, credit for 497 days

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Hot home seller's market continued in 2019

Number of houses sold holds steady from 2018, with prices surging

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The housing market has been in great shape in Southwest Michigan the past five years.

For both 2016 and 2017, in particular, the year-end numbers of houses sold broke records, as well as total dollar volume and average and median selling prices.

But 2019 upped the ante in a lot of housing-related categories.

"At the end of 2017, the number of houses sold peaked at 3,733. With the declining inventory of houses available for sale, the number of homes sold at the end of each year dropped to 3,591 in 2018 and 3,607 in 2019," said Alan Jeffries, association executive of the Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors. "Both years mirrored each other with six months having over 300 houses sold each month."

The end of the year average and median selling prices set record prices each year, from 2016 through 2018.

However, 2019 ended with prices increasing even higher.

The year-to-date average selling price in 2019 was $240,525, compared to $233,748 in 2018.

The year-to-date median selling price in 2019 was $179,000, compared to $165,000 in 2018.

Consequentially, the end of the year total dollar volume set records each year.

In 2019, the end of the year total dollar volume at $867,817,204 was 3 percent higher than the volume set in 2018 of $839,392,514.

Looking at just results in December 2019 and comparing it to December 2018, home sales were down 6 percent in December 2019.

The average selling price increased 8 percent to $252,183, from $234,139 in December 2018. The median selling price rose 7 percent to $176,000, from $163,900 in December 2018.

Both selling prices set new records for December in the year-over-year comparison.

The increase in selling prices pushed the total dollar volume up 2 percent from December 2018, while fewer houses were sold. The

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Ask a Cop

DANIEL UNRUH
Bridgman Chief of Police

Crime, or mental health issue?

A while back, I saw news out of Kalamazoo where a guy poured gasoline on himself and lit himself on fire at a gas station, in an apparent suicide attempt. He was severely burned, but lived.

This made me wonder, if a person tries to kill him or her self, and doesn't die, can he or she be charged with a crime? Or would it depend on the circumstances? In this guy's case, it seems like he could have endangered other people by setting himself on fire near gasoline tanks/pumps.

I'm guessing that if someone tried to shoot themselves but shot someone else instead, that would be considered a crime.

In cases like this, would police be more apt to try to get help for the person rather than arrest him or her? If you as a police officer handled something like this, what would you do?

Anne, St. Joseph

Thanks for your question.

Every case is different to some degree. Realistically, there wouldn't be any cookie-cutter answer for this as you must look at these types of things case by case.

Although police departments merely charge someone with a crime, ultimately it is the prosecutor's decision on whether charges are authorized or not. Many factors, I'm certain, come into play when or if the prosecutor decides to charge someone in attempted suicide cases involving a gun. I'm sure a large factor in deciding to charge someone is where the incident took place – was this a single-family home, an apartment building or a school? Were others directly in harm's way by the actions of the subject in question? Again, the prosecutor would have to review all circumstances surrounding these types of instances.

Certainly, if someone lights themselves on fire near gas pumps endangering other customers, and lives, the prosecutor would take that into consideration. The same if someone shoots or injures others while attempting to take their own life with a gun or other weapon(s).

During my long career, I can't recall anybody that has ever been charged with attempted suicide after trying to take their own life.

In searching the legal term and definition of suicide, I found the law deals more with assisting a suicide rather than the actual act: "the intentional killing of oneself." Ironically, in most states suicide is a crime, but if successful there is no one to punish.

However, attempted suicide can be a punishable crime (seldom charged against one surviving the attempt).

"Assisted suicide" is usually treated as a crime, either specifically (as in Michigan) or as a form of homicide (second degree murder or manslaughter), even when done as a kindness to a loved one who is terminally ill and in great pain.

Section 329a of the Michigan Penal Code states:

(1) A person who knows that an individual intends to kill himself or herself and does any of the following with the intent to assist the individual in killing himself or herself is guilty of criminal assistance to the killing of an individual, a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or both:

■ Provides the means by which the individual attempts to kill himself or herself or kills himself

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served, $198 in costs and $710 in restitution for larceny in a building, a pole barn, July 23, 2018, in Three Oaks Township.

China C. Collins, 39, of Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, 90 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $1,398 in fines and costs, $213 in restitution, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for first-degree retail fraud Nov. 23, 2019, at Lowe's in Benton Township.

Trista K. Morse, 35, of Michigan City, Ind., 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $198 in costs and $280 in restitution for attempted larceny in a building Jan. 31, 2019, at Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo.

Weapons violation

Vizier Q. Singleton, 49, of 63rd Street, South Haven, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $1,558 in fines and costs and forfeiture of a handgun for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle Dec. 11, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Niles

Fleeing/resisting police

Nathan J. Dymond, 38, of Cogic Village, Niles, 18 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 64 days served, and $198 in costs for third-degree fleeing police; a concurrent term of 65 days and $68 in costs for attempted receiving/concealing stolen property, a motor vehicle, Oct. 6, 2019, in Niles; and a concurrent term of 65 days and driver's license suspended for 1 year for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, Nov. 24, 2019, in Niles.

Drugs

Kyle L. Sears, 28, of Sycamore Street, Niles, 2-20 years in prison, credit for 131 days served, and $258 in costs for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Aug. 6, 2019, in Berrien Springs.

Robert T. Flohr, 48, of Parkway Street, Niles, 20 months to 10 years in prison and $198 in costs for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Nov. 22, 2019, in Oronoko Township.

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Michigan Foundation.

Grupido has gone on to open for the famed Impractical Jokers, Darci Lynne the Ventriloquist, and comedian Bill Engvall.

He began performing magic when he was 5 years old. He showed off some of the tricks he's picked up, performing them at Friday's assemblies.

Among the tricks included escaping from a straightjacket, pulling random bottles out of thin air and using a mathematical illusion to tell a student her mother's phone number.

In between jokes, he discussed personal stories that served as life lessons.

Grupido spoke of a party he attended in high school where people were drinking. Soon anxiety overtook him and Grupido admitted he left early. However, to his luck, the party was broken up and several people were given minors in possessions.

One of the best wrestlers at his school had one beer and was given a minor in possession ticket, and lost his college scholarship.

He told students at the high school that it is OK to talk about their stress and anxiety and that finding a healthy outlet is key.

"I'm 24 years old. The only person that can stop you from living your dream is yourself and the excuses you make for yourself," Grupido said. "… There are no limitations unless you set them yourself."

Before slipping out from underneath chains and a straightjacket, Grupido gave students one last bit of advice when it came to dealing with stress: Just breathe.

"Most of the weight you carry in your life is just an illusion," he said as the chains dropped to his feet. "It takes a lot to recover from something. When things get most painful, that's when you know you're almost out of it."

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or herself.

■ Participates in an act by which the individual attempts to kill himself or herself or kills himself or herself.

■ Helps the individual plan to attempt to kill himself or herself or to kill himself or herself.

(2) This section does not apply to withholding or withdrawing medical treatment.

(3) This section does not prohibit a prosecution under the common law offense of assisting in a suicide, but a person shall not be convicted under both this section and that common law offense for conduct arising out of the same transaction.

Police departments try to get the help or assistance people need when thinking about or attempting suicide. This usually entails transporting them to a local hospital or mental health facility for evaluation and treatment.

I hope this helps answer your questions.

Send in your questions about the law; get an answer from those who enforce it. Email your question to AskACop@TheHP.com and it may be featured in an article.

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total dollar volume also set a new record.

The inventory of houses for sale dropped 9 percent below that in December 2018 (1,176 vs. 1,295). At 1,176 houses, the market had a 4.7-month supply of homes for sale, compared to 5.8 in November.

In contrast, in December 2011 the Southwest Michigan housing market had a 12.7-month supply with 2,461 houses for sale.

Locally, the mortgage rate decreased slightly to 3.75 from 3.80 in November. Last year in December, the rate was 4.71.

Nationally, the Freddie Mac mortgage rate in December also increased slightly to 3.74 from 3.68 for a 30-year conventional mortgage.

Across the country

According to the National Association of Realtors, existing-home sales grew in December, bouncing back after a slight fall in November.

Although the Midwest saw sales decline, the other three major U.S. regions reported meaningful growth last month.

Total existing-home sales increased 3.6 percent from November to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 5.54 million in December. Additionally, overall sales took a significant bounce, up 10.8 percent from a year ago.

On a full-year basis, total existing-home sales ended at 5.34 million, the same level as in 2018.

NAR's chief economist Lawrence Yun said home sales fluctuated a great deal last year.

"I view 2019 as a neutral year for housing in terms of sales," Yun said. "Home sellers are positioned well, but prospective buyers aren't as fortunate. Low inventory remains a problem, with first-time buyers affected the most."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in December was $274,500, up 7.8 percent from December 2018, as prices rose in every region.

November's price increase marks 94 straight months of year-over-year gains.

"Price appreciation has rapidly accelerated, and areas that are relatively unaffordable or declining in affordability are starting to experience slower job growth," Yun said. "The hope is for price appreciation to slow in line with wage growth, which is about 3 percent."

Regionally, median home prices in all regions increased from one year ago, with the Midwest region showing the strongest price gain.

The median price in the Midwest was $208,500, a 9.2 percent jump from last December.

Nationally, the total housing inventory at the end of December totaled 1.4 million units, down 14.6 percent from November and 8.5 percent from one year ago. Unsold inventory sits at a 3-month supply at the current sales pace, down from the 3.7-month figure recorded in both November and December 2018.

Unsold inventory totals have dropped for seven consecutive months from year-ago levels, taking a toll on home sales.

"We saw the year come to a close with the economy churning out 2.3 million jobs, mortgage rates below 4 percent and housing starts ramp up to 1.6 million on an annual basis," Yun said. "If these factors are sustained in 2020, we will see a notable pickup in home sales in 2020."

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18-year-old Nina Nichols takes her daily dose of Palforzia as her mother, Maria Acebal watches, on Jan. 10 in her home in Washington. On Friday, the Food and Drug Administration approved Palforzia, the first treatment for peanut allergies in a big step toward better care for all kinds of food allergies – but still a long way from a cure.

FDA approves first treatment for kids with peanut allergy

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first treatment for peanut allergies is about to hit the market, a big step toward better care for all kinds of food allergies – but still a long way from a cure.

Friday's approval by the Food and Drug Administration promises to bring some relief to families who've lived in fear of an accidental bite of peanuts at birthday parties and play dates, school cafeterias and restaurants. Named Palforzia, it was developed by Aimmune Therapeutics.

"It's been a life-changer," said Nina Nichols, 18, of Washington, whose first encounter with peanuts as a toddler – a peanut butter cracker shared by a friend – required a race to the emergency room. She entered a Palforzia research study as a teen and calls it "a security blanket."

The treatment is a specially prepared peanut powder swallowed daily in tiny amounts that are gradually increased over months. It trains children's and teens' bodies to better tolerate peanut so that an accidental bite is less likely to cause a serious reaction, or even kill in severe cases.

Palforzia users still must avoid peanuts just like they always have.

The treatment is not for everyone. Palforzia can cause side effects, including occasional severe allergic reactions. The FDA is requiring that doctors and their patients enroll in a special safety program, and patients must take the first dose and each increased dose under supervision in a certified health center.

And if youngsters stop taking the daily dose, they lose the protection.

Shots have long been used to induce tolerance for allergies to bee stings or pollen. But swallowing an allergen to build tolerance is a new twist – one that scientists call "oral immunotherapy." And peanuts are just the first food to be tackled. Tests for eggs, milk and tree nuts are underway.

But because of the drawbacks, scientists also are developing next-generation options that work differently. Next up for FDA review: A skin patch for peanut allergy.

"For so long, we had nothing to offer these patients," said Dr. Pamela Guerrerio of the National Institutes of Health, which funded much of the research that led to food allergy therapies. "We finally have a treatment. That's a big step."

Aimmune executives said Friday they hope doctors can begin prescribing the treatment in "a matter of weeks." They set the treatment's list price at $890 a month, but how much patients will pay depends on their insurance. Aimmune says it is working with insurance companies for coverage, and will offer a patient co-pay assistance program.

Food allergy is a growing problem

Millions of Americans have food allergies, including about 1 in 13 children, and the numbers have increased in recent years. Peanut allergy is the most common one among children, and among the most dangerous. Accidental exposures are frequent, with about 1 in 4 affected children winding up in the emergency room every year.

What happens: The immune system overreacts to the food by triggering an inflammatory cascade. On average, children can experience hives, wheezing or worse from just a 30th of a single peanut, sometimes even less, said Dr. Hemant Sharma, who leads oral treatment studies at Children's National Hospital in Washington.

Until now, all doctors could advise was to read food labels and avoid anything that might contain hidden peanuts. Decades ago, attempts at shots were deemed too risky for food allergies. Then, in 2006, researchers at Duke University and the University of Arkansas reported tantalizing signs that swallowed treatments might work instead.

How it works

Doctors prescribe a miniscule Palforzia starting dose. The powder, stored in a capsule, is mixed into any unheated food, such as Nichols' favorite fruit smoothies. Patients take the first dose in a doctor's office, in case of a bad allergic reaction. Every few weeks, the dose is increased until after about six months, they're taking the equivalent of about one peanut.

OBITUARIES

Ardis N. Schultz

May 29, 1918 – Jan. 31, 2020

Ardis N. Schultz, 101, formerly of Riverside passed away, Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, at The Willows in St. Joseph, where she resided.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Riverside United Methodist Church, 4401 Fikes Road, Riverside, with the Rev. David Haase officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit with the family from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorial donations in Ardis' name may be made to Riverside United Methodist Church. Those wishing to sign Ardis' memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Ardis was born May 29, 1918, in Grand Junction, Mich., to John and Lillian (Canniff) Page. On Dec. 5, 1936, she married Hervy R. Schultz. Ardis dedicated her life to raising and caring for her family. She was a member of Riverside United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed cooking and baking for church events. In her free time, Ardis enjoyed crocheting, baking, tending to her flower and vegetable gardens and feeding and watching the birds in the yard.

Ardis is survived by two grandchildren, Lorinda (Richard) Freemyer of Benton Harbor and Rick Schultz of Ohio; three great-grandchildren, David Freemyer of Lawrence, Michael (Kristina) Freemyer of Benton Harbor and Travis Schultz of St. Joseph; three great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim (Nancy) Page and Larry (Sandra) Page; her sister, Madeline Brenner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ardis was preceded in death by her husband, Hervy, on Dec. 15, 1981; her daughter, Kathleen Ann Scott; her son, Hervy "Bud" Schultz; her father and stepmother, John and Ardis Page; her mother and stepfather, Lillian and Ralph Pearl; and several brothers and sisters.

Anita K. Moore

March 11, 1951 – Jan. 30, 2020

Anita K. Moore, 68, of Sodus passed away Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

A Celebration of Life Eternal will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Safe Harbor Church of God of Prophecy, 3552 S. Pipestone Road, Sodus, with the Rev. Furney Revels officiating. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorial donations in Anita's name may be made to the Berrien County Cancer Service or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Anita's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Anita was born March 11, 1951, in Benton Harbor, to Loyal and Ruby (Reynolds) Rock. She attended Eau Claire High School and on July 1, 1967, Anita married Gary Moore in Sodus. After raising her daughters, Anita was employed for 21 years at Imperial Printing Co. in St. Joseph. She was a lifelong active member of The Church of God of Prophecy in Sodus, which became Safe Harbor Church. In her free time Anita enjoyed reading her Bible and helping Gary tend to the yard and gardens. She cherished the time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Anita is survived by her husband, Gary; three daughters, Mischele (Michael) Feldten of Benton Harbor, Kyleen Purcell of Niles and Amanda Jo Moore of St. Joseph; her son-in-law, Scott Purcell of Bridgman; three grandchildren, Derek (Sara) Purcell, Heather Feldten and Dustin Purcell; four great-grandchildren, Colton Purcell and Alan, Maggie and Jude Rodgers; two sisters, Margaret Rock Foster of Onalaska, Texas, and Anita's twin, Marquita (Floyd) Sommer of Eau Claire; two brothers-in-law, Darrell Douglas of Sevierville, Tenn., and Jack Aubill of Toledo, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Donald and Ray Rock; and two sisters, June Aubill and Carol Douglas.

Martin William Kasischke

July 31, 1928 – Oct. 4, 2019

Colonel Martin William Kasischke, 91, of Sun City, Ariz., passed away on Oct. 4, 2019, in Sun City.

He was born on July 31, 1928, in St. Joseph, the son of William C. and Helen Kasischke. Marty graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1946, and thereafter received a BA degree from Texas A & I in Kingsville, Texas. He then entered active military duty in August of 1952, where he received his pilot wings. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in September of 1953. In May of 1962, he was assigned to the 94th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Selfridge Air Base in Michigan, serving as an F-106 Flight Commander Training officer. He then saw active duty while stationed at Danang Air Base in Vietnam, where he was a command pilot with more than 4,900 hours of flying time. He was promoted to colonel on Dec. 1, 1973. In 1981, he was offered the position of base commander at Thule Air Force Base in Greenland, where he enjoyed playing golf and designed the very first golf course on that Air Force base.

He was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Marion Milnikel. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Lou, Robert and Herbert; and by his sisters, Helen Craig and Anna Radtke.

He is survived by his son, William; and daughters, Carol and Lisa of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Marta, of Riverton, Wyo. He also leaves to cherish his memory seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Nov. 6, 2019, and he was interred in the Arizona Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.

Death notices

Marilyn E. Booker, 62, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 28, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth, Grand Rapids, Mich. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Martin W. Kasischke, 91, of Sun City, Ariz., former area resident died Oct. 4, 2019, in Sun City. Heritage Funeral Home, Phoenix, (623) 974-2054.

Alice LaHaie, 93, of Niles died Jan. 31, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Kelli Lyn McLean

Jan. 13, 1966 – Jan. 29, 2020

Kelli Lyn McLean, 54, now of Bloomington, Ill., formerly of St. Joseph passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, in Normal, Ill. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Kelli was born on Jan. 13, 1966, in St. Joseph, to Michael and Sharon (Stumpf) McCalla. On April 25, 1987, in St. Joseph, she married Joey Wayne McLean. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter and friend to many. Kelli was a special person who will be missed by more people than we may realize.

Kelli is survived by her husband, Joey; a daughter, Brittany (Stephen) McLean of Chicago; and her mother, Sharon McCalla of Bloomington.

She is preceded in death by her father, Michael McCalla; and a brother, Sean McCalla.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, with Pastor Erik Gustafson officiating. Visitation with the family precedes the service from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial follows the service in Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. There will also be a Celebration of Life gathering in Bloomington from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at Kegler's Pub. Memorial contributions may be made to either the National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org) or to the Lupus Foundation (www.lupus.org). Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Doris (Wyant) Versaw

Nov. 6, 1928 – Jan. 30, 2020

Doris (Wyant) Versaw, 91, of Sodus went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, 245 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, with the Rev. Dan Golladay officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to the Napier Parkview Baptist Church or Child Evangelism Fellowship of Berrien County. Those wishing to sign Doris's guest book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Doris was born Nov. 6, 1928, in Cass County, to Clarence and Anna (Sommer) Wyant. On Jan. 17, 1948, she married Robert Versaw at Clay Street Baptist Church. She was a farmer, first as a child and then with Robert, growing fruit at the farm in Sodus Township that has been in the family for over 160 years. Doris loved children and taught 4- and 5-year-olds in junior church for 32 years and Pioneer Girls. She also drove a bus for Berrien Intermediate Schools for 16-plus years. Doris was a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, 4H and the Jr. Farm Bureau.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Sharon Versaw of Sodus; son-in-law, Randy Rumble; sister-in-law, Donna Wyant; special friends: Earl Kugle, Ray Watts, Gentry Phillips, Phil Webb, Jim and Mary Jean Barsuhn, Barbie Kosachuk, Betty Oatsvall, Irene Adams and Dina Layman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; daughter, Bonnie Rumble; sister, Hazel Hinkle; and brothers, Oscar, Harry and Victor Wyant.

Amid fears of coronavirus, second wave of seasonal flu hits U.S.

By MICHELLE CORTEZ
Bloomberg News (TNS)

NEW YORK — A second wave of seasonal influenza is taking hold in the U.S., just as health officials are on high alert for new cases of the novel coronavirus. Many of the symptoms are the same, but when it comes to immediate risk, Americans should fear the flu more.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 19 million Americans have fallen ill with the flu so far this season, including 180,000 who ended up in the hospital. About 10,000 Americans have died, including more than 60 children.

The flu season, however, has taken a backseat to the coronavirus emanating from Wuhan, China. That pathogen has already infected almost 10,000 people in more than two dozen countries, the vast majority in China. In the U.S., there are only six cases of the coronavirus, dubbed 2019-nCoV, five of whom were diagnosed after returning from China. The sixth contracted it from his wife, an Illinois resident in her sixties who had recently visited family in Wuhan. None have died.

Both viruses start off similarly: cough, fever, and in some cases difficulty breathing. The key difference is that people most at risk for the coronavirus will have either traveled to China or been in close contact with someone who is already infected, said Nancy Messonnier, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

This flu season in the U.S. began earlier than usual. It started picking up in mid-November with a surge of influenza B, a strain that typically develops later in the cycle and hits children the hardest. More than half of all tests coming back positive for the flu this season have been in children and young adults under age 25, typically a healthier group of people.

Because the elderly are the most likely to fall gravely ill and die from influenza, the rate of hospitalization and mortality remained well below average even as infection rates climbed.

But an uptick in new flu infections began to appear over the past two weeks. The strain that's emerging now is an H1N1 type of influenza A, the one that normally kicks off the season. It can take hold in adults and may be more severe, resulting in more deaths.

Every state in the U.S. is reporting widespread infections, according to the weekly Influenza Surveillance Report published Friday. Influenza-like symptoms were responsible for 5.7 percent of all visits to the doctor in the week ending Jan. 25, with 44 states reporting the highest activity levels.

"This week, we see that activity is continuing to go up," said Lynnette Brammer, head of the CDC's domestic surveillance program. "We had seen this influenza B wave, and we are now seeing an increase in H1N1. We don't know how large it will be." (The CDC recommends getting a flu shot to help avoid contracting seasonal influenza.)

Getting it straight

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hp BUSINESS

Advocates: Crucial bank law softened under Trump proposal

By KEN SWEET and CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is proposing changes to a decades-old law designed to keep banks from discriminating against the poor and disadvantaged, but critics argue the changes could make it easier for banks to potentially ignore the under-served, particularly communities of color.

The Community Reinvestment Act has, over the past four decades, spurred hundreds of billions of dollars in lending to low- and middle-income communities. But it's out of date and in need of an overhaul.

Some community advocates say the changes the administration is proposing will allow banks to meet the law's criteria without making the types of loans that are most beneficial to the communities they serve. Worse, critics argue that discrimination against poor and communities of color by the banking industry could increase under the proposal.

The Community Reinvestment Act was passed in 1977, when bank branches were one of the few ways to measure a bank's presence in a community. It was last revised in the mid-1990s, when online banking barely existed. There are now banks that have zero physical branches, making it more difficult to measure what constitutes a community under the law.

In addition, the law rewards

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The storefront window of a portrait studio is lit up along a downtown street at dusk in Lumberton, N.C.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Morrow joins Sturgis Bank division

ST. JOSEPH — Larry Morrow, vice president of business development, joined the St. Joseph Loan Office – a division of Sturgis Bank.

Morrow has been in banking, serving the St. Joseph community, for the past 30 years. During that time, Morrow specialized in business development, specifically mortgage and commercial lending.

He is a graduate of Siena Heights University. Morrow, and his wife, reside in St Joseph.

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NEW IN BUSINESS

SWMPC picks up gold awards

BENTON HARBOR — The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission of Benton Harbor received two AVA Gold Digital Awards and one Honorable Mention by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals.

SWMPC received a gold award for its web-based production of a website, a gold award for its digital video creation, and an honorable mention for video production.

The Better Beaches SWMI clean water initiative is a collaborative effort in partnership with Berrien County Health Department, The Pokagon Fund, Great Lakes Scientific and Chikaming Open Lands.

The Sustain Ox Creek improvement plan partners include Berrien County Drain Commission, Cornerstone Alliance, Benton Township, Two Rivers Coalition and the Berrien Conservation District.

Edgewater Bank turns 110

ST. JOSEPH — Edgewater Bank of St. Joseph is celebrating 110 years of business.

Originally organized in 1910 as a federally-chartered mutual savings and loan association, it opened in Buchanan.

Today, it is a commercial bank based in St. Joseph, with branch offices in Bridgman, Buchanan, Coloma and Royalton Township.

The bank will mark its 110-year milestone throughout the coming year culminating with the 11K and Change Relay Run to be held this fall on the Edgewater Fitness Trail. More details will be posted on the bank's Facebook page.

Bio-methane from cow manure could be a 'new gold rush' on the farm

By ADAM BELZ
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

David Joles / Star Tribune / TNS

The Louriston Dairy near Murdock, Minn., built and operated by Riverview LLP, is home to 9,500 cows, 40 times more than the average U.S. dairy. The company is working on a project to convert manure at some of its dairies into renewable gas that can be sold for low-carbon credit in states like California and Oregon.

The back end of a cow generates 80 pounds each day of what Dennis Haubenschild refers to as a "non-depletable renewable resource."

Now, technology and policy are aligning for farmers to take advantage of all that manure in a surprising way – by turning it into gas that can fuel vehicles.

Haubenschild, who owns 750 cows near Princeton, Minn., was among the first dairy farmers in the state to experiment with biogas production, and he uses manure-turned-gas to generate heat on his farm. But climate change policies in California and Oregon have created a different, national market for the gas that comes from livestock manure.

Farmers who capture the methane, a greenhouse gas more immediately potent than carbon dioxide, can earn lucrative low-carbon credits. Dairies across the country, especially large ones, are investigating the prospect.

"It's the new gold rush," Haubenschild said.

Two large dairies in northwest Indiana are already certified for credits in California. Three Wisconsin dairies are producing biogas for transportation fuel and three more projects there are under construction, according to the Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas

In Minnesota, Riverview LLP, the company with an archipelago of massive dairies near Morris, aims to become the state's first dairy to produce gas from cow manure for transportation fuel and low-carbon credits.

Environmentalists and climate activists are watching the development with caution. While they are eager to see any industry reduce greenhouse gas emissions, some worry that government incentives prodding farmers to produce biomethane will reward only very large operations.

At the moment, methane emissions from large dairies are under heightened scrutiny in Minnesota.

Plans for a 3,000-cow expansion at Daley Farms, near Lewiston, Minn., were halted by the Minnesota Court of Appeals in October when judges ordered the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to publish a greenhouse gas emissions estimate.

How it works

Dairies that want to turn some of those emissions into fuel, and revenue, must pump their manure into an airtight chamber called an anaerobic digester.

In the digester, a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide bubbles up in gaseous form in a matter of weeks.

"I look at it as a great big stomach, a living thing," said Haubenschild, who built a digester in the late 1990s.

Haubenschild carefully regulates the temperature of the digester and "feeds" it at the same times every day, in the same quantities.

Once the raw gas is collected from the digester, carbon dioxide and other impurities can be filtered out in what's called an upgrade plant. That makes the gas close to the quality of conventional natural gas so it can be injected into an interstate gas pipeline and purchased in other parts of the country.

Given the global warming potency of methane, and the California Air Resources Board's 2017 estimate that open lagoons at dairies accounted for 25 percent of the state's methane emissions

As a result, gas produced from manure receives a better carbon intensity score from the state of California than any other renewable fuel.

How credits make money

Biomethane from cow manure can be used to generate electricity, but it's not cost-effective.

Instead, the carbon credit systems in California and Oregon reward methane that's captured and directed at the niche market of natural gas-fueled vehicles.

Fuel producers in those states, such as refiners, must meet annual targets for greenhouse gas emission reduction. If they don't, they can purchase low-carbon credits to help them meet the target.

Once gas from a certified dairy digester enters the national pipeline system, buyers in California and Oregon can compress the gas for transportation fuel. When the gas is purchased as fuel for a vehicle, the dairy that produced the gas qualifies for credits it can sell to fuel producers, like refiners, who need them.

Credits for gas from dairy cow manure that is used to fuel a vehicle in California are trading for about $68 per

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Achieving product, market fit is vital for your startup

For any startup to succeed, achieving product/market fit is among the most vital of goals.

But verifying that your product meets a strong market need and can stand up to competitors is not an exact science, nor does it typically happen in one grand a-ha moment.

Likewise, building momentum in a market requires patience and comes with no guarantees as customers' needs, regulatory landscapes, and competitive pressures change over time.

"Consider that your business will only succeed if it adds real value for the user. In this case 'value' means that businesses or individuals will understand they need or want it enough to pay you a price that will give you profit and success," said SCORE mentor Bob Goedjen. "Start by understanding your target market's need and then whether you will be a better solution than your competition."

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Despite the uncertainty and risk you face when starting a business, there are some actions you can take to increase your success in accomplishing product/market fit:

Do your homework to understand your customers' current needs and anticipate what they'll need in the future.

Research your target demographic by spending time with prospective customers, read industry blogs and print publications, attend industry trade shows and webinars, and seek out a professional in your industry who might serve as a mentor to you as you develop your products and services.

Focus on one primary and critical value proposition. It's impossible to be all things to all customers.

By homing in on what's most important to your target customers, analyzing significant trends in your industry, and identifying where competitors are falling short in solving customers' problems, you can deliver value out of the gate.

If you're solving a pain point for your customers from the start, they will be more patient in waiting for you to add other features and options.

Listen. Learn. Adapt.

Have a business plan, but be open to change as you listen to feedback and ideas from your early customers. Learn from what they're telling you can improve your products or services.

And be prepared to adapt your systems and processes to make your business more viable and sustainable.

According to Goedjen, "Good planning and research will pay off in money/costs avoided and a far better marketing strategy and tactics that will resound in your customers' minds. It is not 'how' you bring your product or service but rather what the benefits are in the language the customer understands."

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FICO is introducing a new credit score model that could result in a significant drop or increase for 80 million consumers

Your credit matters in so much of your financial life.

It matters when renting, getting auto or home insurance, buying a car, and even applying to certain jobs.

Lenders assess how risky certain renters or borrowers may be by looking at how they handle their debts – credit cards, student loans or mortgages.

This is where FICO comes in. The company created the scoring model used by most lenders. FICO scores generally range from a low of 300 to a high of 850. A high score – along with other financial factors, such as income – can place you in a tier that results in the best lending deals.

FICO periodically updates its scoring model, and the company recently announced it would be releasing two new versions this summer – FICO 10 and FICO 10 T.

The new models will do a better job of identifying good borrowers, said David Shellenberger, FICO's vice president of scores and predictive analytics.

"Consumers who do a better job of managing their credit are going to be rewarded more with FICO Score 10," he said.

The significant development involves FICO 10 T, which will take a deeper dive into people's credit usage. Unlike traditional credit bureau data, this model will look at trends in a consumer's account balances over 24 months.

"Some people will be helped, some hurt," said Shellenberger.

FICO estimates 40 million consumers will see a drop in their scores by 20 points or more. But another 40 million could see their scores increase by just as much.

Overall, the FICO 10 models are promising a 10 percent decline in defaults for newly originated bankcards and 9 percent among newly originated auto loans.

Michelle Singletary

FICO says lenders could also see as much as a 17 percent drop in defaults for new mortgages.

Here are two examples of how the trending data might impact two different consumers.

Consumer No. 1: She consistently pays off her credit cards before the due date and stays well below her available credit limit on a monthly basis. Thirty percent of your credit score is made up of your "credit utilization," meaning what percentage of your available credit is being used or borrowed. High utilization isn't good for your score.

During the summer, this consumer goes on vacation and racks up quite a few charges. Although she pays off the card before the next billing cycle, her credit score under older models could still see a temporary decline. Analysis has shown that consumers with scores of 800 or higher use a small percentage of their available credit even month to month.

But FICO 10 T won't ding her for the occasional times in which her credit usage increases.

In fact, consumers who show that they are reversing past problems by paying their bills on time will get a bigger boost, because the trending report will indicate this as better credit behavior.

"Consumers taking steps to improve their credit picture by keeping balances low over time will likely see their FICO Score 10 T move up," Shellenberger said.

Consumer No. 2: Although he's paying his bills on time, he's racked up credit card debt. He takes out a consolidation loan and pays off the cards. But soon after, he's right back in debt on the credit cards. He may apply for another personal loan or transfer the balances to a new card to again help manage the debt. It's all too much, and he starts to make some late payments.

The data shows people who exhibit that type of behavior are much more likely to have their debt written off as uncollectible, Shellenberger said.

"I especially like the addition of trended data. It makes sense to take these new variables into account," said Ted Rossman, industry analyst for CreditCards.com. "Of course, if the opposite is true and you used to be responsible but now you're running up high balances and late payments, then trended data will reflect more negatively upon you. I think that's fair."

I think so, too.

People often ask me if they should get a consolidation loan to pay off their credit cards. Or should they tap the equity in their homes to pay down debt?

My first question to them is: What's different?

Because if you haven't changed reckless spending habits, getting a personal loan to clear away other debt isn't a long-term solution. You'll just end up racking up additional debt.

Or, I've worked with folks who have pretty good credit scores even with a few late payments in their past. But they are struggling – unable to save for an emergency or retirement – because too much of their income goes to servicing debt.

If FICO's new scoring models can spot people in a financial crisis even before they realize they're in jeopardy and prevent them from taking on more debt, that's a good thing.

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Ask the Fool

How Many Shareholders?

Q Can I find out how many people own shares of a certain company's stock? — *P.F., Pocahontas, Arkansas*

A It's very difficult, if not impossible.

You might start by looking up the company's annual 10-K filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), via the SEC.gov website. For example, in PepsiCo's 10-K for its 2018 fiscal year, it notes, "As of Feb. 8, 2019, there were approximately 114,513 shareholders of record of our common stock." That seems like a lot, but it's probably grossly undercounting shareholders.

Shareholders of record have registered their shares in their own name. But nowadays, most shares of stock are held in "street name." That's when you buy through your brokerage and the shares are registered in the brokerage's name — though you remain their owner.

Meanwhile, many mutual funds hold some PepsiCo shares, and their thousands of shareholders are generally not counted as owners of PepsiCo stock, either.

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Q I'm selling a stock. How do I determine my cost basis for tax purposes? — *H.L., Burlington, Vermont*

A Your brokerage might be able to tell you your basis. But let's say you buy 100 shares of Dodgeball Supply Co. (ticker: WHAPP) for $30 each and pay a $10 commission. Your cost basis is the purchase price ($3,000) plus the commission, or $3,010. Divide $3,010 by 100, and you'll get a cost basis per share of $30.10. If you eventually sell the shares for $40 each, or $4,000 — again paying a $10 commission — subtract the commission to get net proceeds of $3,990, or $39.90 per share. Your taxable capital gain is the difference — $980, or $9.80 per share. (Many brokerages have recently lowered their trading commissions to $0, making the math a bit easier.)

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How to Combat Inflation

We don't often think about inflation, but ignoring it can cost us severely. The long-term average rate of inflation is around 3%, which may not seem like much, but over many years it can really compound, shrinking your purchasing power.

For example, an average inflation rate of 3% over 25 years will more than double the average price of things. If you start saving and investing for retirement today and retire in 25 years with $1 million, that big nest egg won't buy as much in 2045 as it could today; it would only have the purchasing power of around $478,000 in today's dollars.

Fortunately, you can combat inflation. If you're aiming for a long-term average annual gain of 8% from stock market investments, subtract 3 percentage points for inflation, and you'll get a growth rate of 5%. If you're earning, say, 1% in a savings account, you won't be earning enough to overcome the effect of inflation.

Consider including lots of dividend-paying stocks in your stock portfolio, as many solid companies sport dividend yields of 3% or more, and healthy and growing companies tend to increase their payouts over time.

Instead of studying and picking stocks on your own, you might opt for a dividend-focused mutual fund or exchange-traded fund (ETF), such as the Vanguard Dividend Appreciation ETF (VIG), which focuses on dividend growth and recently yielded around 1.7%.

Even stocks and stock funds that don't offer much or any dividend yield can still serve you well by appreciating over time. So consider a simple, low-fee broad-market index fund, such as the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY). It offers the market's return and recently carried a 1.75% yield.

In the bond world, look into TIPS (Treasury Inflation Protected Securities), which are bonds with interest rates that factor in inflation.

As you go about your financial life, keep inflation in mind.

My Smartest Investment

A Good, Long Story

My smartest investment was in IBM. I worked for the company and retired in 1993 with shares worth around $30,000. My cost basis in them was nearly $46,000 — I'd lost money, overall. I hung on, though, and now, after some stock splits, I have four times as many shares, worth more than $300,000. I took the dividends from the shares in cash and used them for living expenses and to purchase more investments. The dividends from the last four years alone exceeded what I originally paid for the stock.

Meanwhile, we didn't buy any long-term care insurance, but I figure that if we need to, we can sell the IBM shares to cover that, and maybe even be able to deduct the medical expense on our taxes to offset some or all of the capital gains tax we'd face. If we don't need to sell the shares, the stock can end up donated to charity or left to heirs. — *R.L., Eyota, Minnesota*

The Fool Responds: That's great, all around! You learned that many great companies go through down periods, and experienced how robustly some stocks grow over long spans. Reinvesting dividends in more stock is a great way to turbocharge growth, too.

Your long-term care plan is a good one. Those who can't afford the care on their own should consider getting the insurance. It's pricey, though, and cheapest while you're still middle-aged.

The Motley Fool Take

Pfarmas Joining Pforces

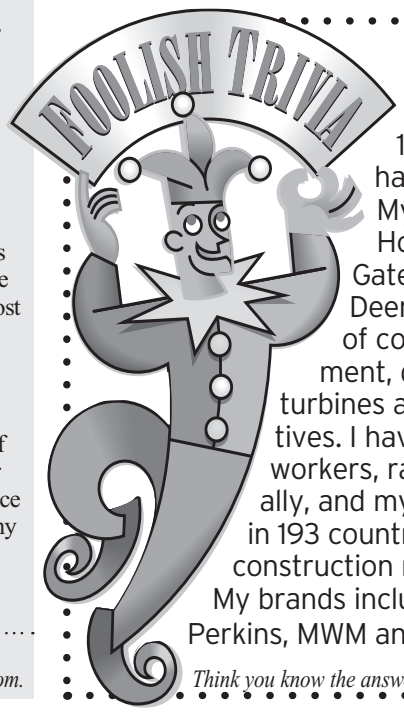
The dividend of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer (NYSE: PFE) recently yielded 3.9%, making it rather appealing to income-seeking investors. Pfizer has long prioritized its dividend program, boosting its payout by 125% over the past 10 years.

Probably the biggest knock against Pfizer is that several of its former top-selling drugs have lost patent exclusivity, notably Lyrica. Declining sales for these drugs present a threat to the company's near-term growth prospects. However, Pfizer has a plan.

It's merging its Upjohn unit, which is home to the drugs that have lost patent protection (such as Viagra and Lipitor), with generic drugmaker Mylan — forming a new company called Viatris. Joining forces with Mylan will allow Pfizer to focus its portfolio on newer and more innovative products — and, hopefully, more profitable ones.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla expects that blockbusters such as breast cancer drug Ibrance and blood thinner Eliquis, and anticipated ones like rare-disease drug Vyndaqel, will fuel strong revenue and earnings growth for Pfizer through the mid-2020s.

After the Upjohn-Mylan deal is completed, Pfizer's dividend will likely shrink, but its shareholders will have received shares in Viatris, which will also pay a dividend. Give Pfizer, and its pipeline of products in development, a closer look.



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1886 creation of a combine harvester in Stockton, California. My equipment helped build the Hoover Dam and the Golden Gate Bridge. Today, based in Deerfield, Illinois, I'm a top maker of construction and mining equipment, gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. I have more than 100,000 full-time workers, rake in around $55 billion annually, and my 168 dealers serve customers in 193 countries. I boast 1.5 million active construction machines around the world. My brands include Progress Rail, SEM, Perkins, MWM and my own name. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to Texas in 1968, when a family business was launched to sell wigs. Wigs soon fell out of fashion, though, so I shifted toward hair-styling tools. I licensed the Vidal Sassoon brand in the 1980s, very profitably. I added more brands under my umbrella over the years, including OXO, Hydro Flask, Vicks, Braun, Honeywell, PUR and Hot Tools. I'm based in Bermuda, with close to 1,500 employees and a market value that recently topped $4 billion. My mythical namesake was daughter to Zeus and a cause of the Trojan War. Who am I? (Answer: Helen of Troy)

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Retirees' top money regrets

In a previous column, I detailed retirees' biggest lifestyle regrets, such as not traveling more before their health gave out and not communicating clearly with a partner about what they hoped retirement would be like.

Now we'll cover the money moves retirees wish they hadn't made. The big ones, of course, are starting to save too late and not saving enough, but there are other common regrets, according to certified financial planners from the Financial Planning Association and the Alliance of Comprehensive Planners.

'I wish I'd started social security later'

About 1 out of 3 Social Security recipients apply for benefits at the earliest age, which is 62. It's often a mistake. Benefits grow by a guaranteed 5 percent to 8 percent each year that the applicant delays. Starting early also can stunt the survivor benefit that one spouse will have to live on when the other dies.

Liz Weston

Some people talk themselves into starting early with the promise that they'll save or invest their benefits, says CFP Delia Fernandez of Los Alamitos, California.

"But of course they can't earn on it what Social Security will pay them if they only wait," Fernandez says. "They look back and say, 'I should have waited, I would have had so much more Social Security coming in right now.'"

'I wish I'd put more money in a Roth IRA'

Making deductible contributions to 401(k)s, IRAs and other retirement plans can reduce your tax bill while you're working, which is great. But eventually that money has to come out of the accounts, thanks to required minimum distribution rules, and it's taxed as income.

Diligent savers can find themselves pushed into higher tax brackets by these mandatory withdrawals, planners say. The disbursements also can cause more of their Social Security benefits to be taxed and raise their Medicare premiums.

Financial planners recommend saving at least some money in Roth accounts, which don't offer upfront deductions but provide tax-free withdrawals, to better manage tax bills in retirement.

'I wish I'd known about IRMAA'

Speaking of Medicare, people are often surprised how much health care coverage costs in retirement, planners say. Those with generous employer-provided coverage can find themselves paying significantly more out of pocket than when they were working.

Medicare has deductibles, co-pays and expenses that aren't typically covered, such as eye care, dental care and hearing aids. But Medicare itself also has premiums, and those can rise with income, thanks to the income-related monthly adjustment amount – known as IRMAA.

The standard premium for Medicare Part B, which covers doctor's visits, is $144.60 per month for 2020. If your modified adjusted gross income is above $87,000 for singles or $174,000 for married couples, though, IRMAA can add anywhere between $57.80 to $347 per person per month.

IRMAA affected 3.5 million Part B beneficiaries and 2.5 million Part D beneficiaries in 2017, according to the Medicare trustees.

'I wish I had more money in the stock market'

As scary as the stock market can be, some exposure to equities is essential for most retirees, financial planners say. Stocks are the only investment class that consistently outpaces inflation.

In some cases, a retiree may be able to take more risk with their investments than when they were younger, says CFP Marc B. Schindler of Bellaire, Texas. For example, if all a retiree's fixed expenses are covered by guaranteed income – from Social Security and pensions, for example – she may be in a good position to take more risk with her portfolio and potentially reap the rewards of higher returns.

'I wish I'd had a plan'

CFP Matt Wilson of Overland Park, Kansas, recently counseled a couple who had a financial advisor, but no financial plan. What the couple did have was a lot of anxiety about their investments and whether their money would last.

"They did not have a spending plan, tax plan or investment strategy," Wilson says. "They had been pulling money from the investments in a haphazard way because they did not know what they did not know."

Retirement is full of major, often irreversible financial decisions and hidden risks. Working with a fee-only, fiduciary financial planner – one who's committed to putting the client's interest first – can help people develop sustainable withdrawal rates and a sensible investment strategy.

"The level of stress and anxiety was reduced significantly after our meetings because they now had a plan," Wilson says.

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Money&Markets Extra

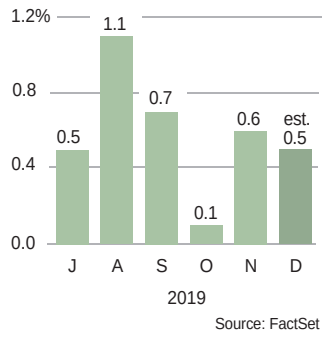
The Week Ahead

Economic bellwether

The Commerce Department issues its December snapshot of construction spending Monday.

Spending on construction projects rose a solid 0.6% in November as gains in homebuilding and government projects offset weakness in nonresidential construction. Economists project that construction spending increased by 0.5% in December.

Construction spending
seasonally adjusted percent change



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Mixed results?

Wall Street expects that Disney's latest quarterly report card will show mixed results.

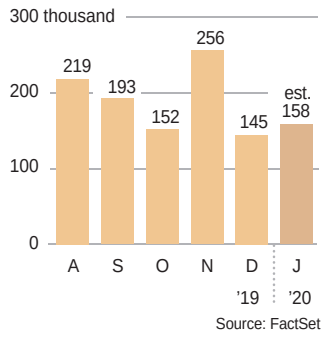
Analysts predict the entertainment giant's fiscal first-quarter earnings declined from a year earlier, even as revenue increased. Investors will be listening for an update on the company's video streaming service, which launched in November. Disney serves up its results Tuesday.

All about jobs

Economists predict hiring in the U.S. rebounded in January after falling the previous month.

They expect the Labor Department will report Friday that nonfarm employers added 157,500 jobs in January. That would represent an increase from December, when the economy added 145,000 jobs. Recent gains show the job market remains solid, even if hiring and wage gains have slowed somewhat.

Nonfarm payrolls
seasonally adjusted change



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Amer Elec Power AEP
$104.22 **+2.06 +2.0%**
▲ **4-wk.** +11.6% ▲ **YTD** +10.3%

Ford Motor F
$8.82 **-.03 -.3%**
▼ **4-wk.** -4.2% ▼ **YTD** -5.2%

Whirlpool WHR
$146.17 **-3.25 -2.2%**
▲ **4-wk.** +.2% ▼ **YTD** -.9%

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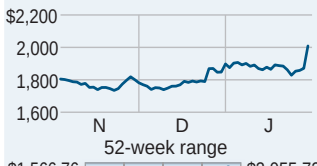
STOCK	TICKER	52-WK LOW	52-WK HIGH	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	%CHG 1WK	1MO	1QTR	%CHG YTD	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
AT&T Inc	T	28.92	39.70	**37.62**	**-0.88**	-2.3	▼	▼	-3.7	27.4	17	5.5
Amer Elec Power	AEP	78.15	104.13	**104.22**	**2.06**	2.0	▲	▲	10.3	37.1	27	2.7
Apple Inc	AAPL	153.66	327.85	**309.51**	**-8.80**	-2.8	▲	▲	5.4	111.7	28	1.0
AutoZone Inc	AZO	848.39	1274.41	**1057.96**	**-82.27**	-7.2	▼	▼	-11.2	32.0	19	...
BP PLC	BP	35.73	45.38	**36.13**	**-2.00**	-5.2	▼	▼	-4.3	-1.4	11	6.8
CMS Engy	CMS	51.13	68.08	**68.51**	**1.02**	1.5	▲	▲	9.0	35.0	42	2.4
CocaCola Co	KO	44.42	58.98	**58.40**	**0.72**	1.2	▲	▲	5.5	23.7	36	2.7
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	34.67	47.74	**43.19**	**-1.40**	-3.1	▼	▼	-4.0	22.4	21	2.1
Deere Co	DE	132.68	180.48	**158.58**	**-11.54**	-6.8	▼	▼	-8.5	1.7	15	1.9
Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	**138.31**	**-1.77**	-1.3	▼	▲	-4.4	24.3	19	1.3
Dollar Tree Stores	DLTR	85.37	119.71	**87.07**	**-0.64**	-0.7	▼	▼	-7.4	-10.5	11	...
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	63.43	83.49	**62.12**	**-4.20**	-6.3	▼	▼	-11.0	-5.6	14	5.6
Fifth Third Bcp	FITB	24.17	31.64	**28.45**	**-0.39**	-1.4	▼	▼	-7.4	7.2	10	3.4
1st Source Corp	SRCE	41.88	53.42	**47.19**	**-2.38**	-4.8	▼	▼	-9.0	8.4	14	2.5
Ford Motor	F	8.16	10.56	**8.82**	**-0.03**	-0.3	▼	▼	-5.2	9.7	7	6.8
Gen Electric	GE	7.65	13.00	**12.45**	**0.74**	6.3	▲	▲	11.6	51.7	...	0.3
Home Depot	HD	179.52	239.31	**228.10**	**-3.90**	-1.7	▲	▼	4.5	33.3	23	2.4
Horizon Bcp IN	HBNC	15.21	19.48	**16.92**	**-1.10**	-6.1	▼	▼	-10.4	6.3	7	2.8
Huntgtn Bancshs	HBAN	12.15	15.63	**13.57**	**-0.15**	-1.1	▼	▼	-10.0	3.7	13	4.4
IDEX Corp	IEX	136.24	176.70	**163.85**	**-8.29**	-4.8	▼	▲	-4.7	25.2	36	1.2
IBM	IBM	126.85	152.95	**143.73**	**3.17**	2.3	▲	▲	7.2	7.3	15	4.5
JPMorgan Chase	JPM	98.09	141.10	**132.36**	**-0.79**	-0.6	▼	▲	-5.1	32.1	14	2.4
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	126.10	151.19	**148.87**	**0.55**	0.4	▲	▲	2.1	18.4	25	2.6
Lowes Cos	LOW	91.60	123.14	**116.24**	**-3.99**	-3.3	▼	▲	-2.9	31.2	26	1.9
McDonalds Corp	MCD	173.41	221.93	**213.97**	**2.73**	1.3	▲	▲	8.3	20.3	32	2.3
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	102.17	174.05	**170.23**	**5.19**	3.1	▲	▲	7.9	65.1	34	1.2
Miller Herman	MLHR	32.86	49.88	**38.65**	**-2.23**	-5.5	▼	▼	-7.2	21.6	17	2.2
Penney JC Co Inc	JCP	0.53	1.92	**.75**	**-0.05**	-6.5	▼	▼	-33.5	-38.0	...	...
Perrigo Co plc	PRGO	40.68	60.48	**57.04**	**-1.72**	-2.9	▲	▲	10.4	30.0	28	1.5
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.97	44.56	**37.24**	**-2.20**	-5.6	▼	▼	-5.0	-4.3	15	4.1
Procter & Gamble	PG	96.34	127.00	**124.62**	**-0.52**	-0.4	▲	▲	-0.2	36.9	29	2.4
Republic Svcs	RSG	75.03	95.85	**95.05**	**0.41**	0.4	▲	▲	6.0	26.3	43	1.7
Steelcase Inc	SCS	14.45	23.02	**18.61**	**-0.53**	-2.8	▼	▲	-9.0	19.9	16	3.1
Stryker Corp	SYK	174.84	223.45	**210.70**	**-3.53**	-1.6	▲	▼	0.4	32.1	36	1.0
TCF Financial Corp	TCF	35.96	47.71	**42.28**	**-1.96**	-4.4	▼	▲	-9.7	-3.3	12	3.3
Target Corp	TGT	69.07	130.24	**110.74**	**-3.58**	-3.1	▼	▲	-13.6	63.0	18	2.4
Tractor Supply	TSCO	82.62	114.25	**92.95**	**-0.62**	-0.7	▲	▼	-0.5	7.2	25	1.5
UPS class B	UPS	92.65	125.31	**103.52**	**-13.14**	-11.3	▼	▼	-11.6	18.1	17	3.7
Verizon Comm	VZ	53.02	62.22	**59.44**	**-0.84**	-1.4	▼	▼	-3.2	16.3	15	4.1
WEC Energy Group	WEC	71.71	100.87	**99.89**	**0.93**	0.9	▲	▲	8.3	42.1	32	2.5
WalMart Strs	WMT	93.35	125.38	**114.49**	**0.12**	0.1	▼	▼	-3.7	22.0	66	1.9
Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	49.03	74.95	**50.85**	**-1.19**	-2.3	▼	▼	-13.8	-24.4	9	3.6
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	22.84	**21.67**	**-0.42**	-1.9	▼	▲	-2.4	31.2	24	2.2
Whirlpool	WHR	114.00	163.64	**146.17**	**-3.25**	-2.2	▲	▼	-0.9	16.4	...	3.3
Worthington Inds	WOR	33.18	44.69	**36.78**	**-1.36**	-3.6	▼	▼	-12.8	6.1	14	2.6
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	45.73	96.20	**88.92**	**-2.92**	-3.2	▲	▲	11.6	47.9	35	...

Notes on data: Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters.

StoryStocks

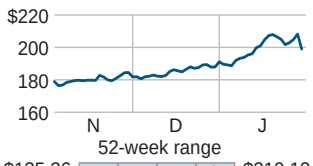
The Dow Jones Industrial Average skidded more than 600 points Friday as the Chinese virus outbreak continued to widen, stoking fears the travel restrictions and other uncertainties caused by the health emergency in China's giant economy could dent global growth. Airlines fell after Delta and American suspended flights to and from China. The sell-off erased the S&P 500's gains for January and gave the index its biggest weekly loss since August.

Amazon.com AMZN
Close: **$2,008.72** ▲**138.04 or 7.4%**
The online retailer blew past Wall Street's fourth-quarter profit forecasts as Prime membership surged.



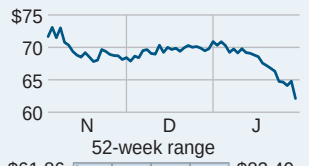
$1,566.76 $2,055.72
Vol.: **15.5m (5.0x avg.)** PE: **87.3**
Mkt. Cap: **$995.9 b** Yield: **...**

Visa V
Close: **$198.97** ▼**-9.24 or -4.4%**
The payment processing giant reported weak fiscal first-quarter revenue.



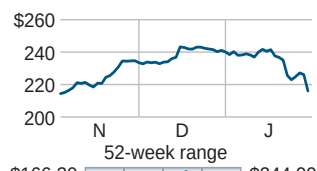
$135.26 $210.13
Vol.: **16.6m (2.2x avg.)** PE: **38.8**
Mkt. Cap: **$340.6 b** Yield: **0.6%**

Exxon Mobil XOM
Close: **$62.12** ▼**-2.67 or -4.1%**
The energy company's profit slid in the fourth quarter and fell short of Wall Street forecasts.



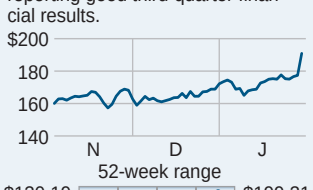
$61.86 $83.49
Vol.: **34.2m (2.4x avg.)** PE: **18.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$262.8 b** Yield: **5.6%**

Amgen AMGN
Close: **$216.05** ▼**-10.10 or -4.5%**
The drug developer's profit forecast for the year fell far short of Wall Street expectations.



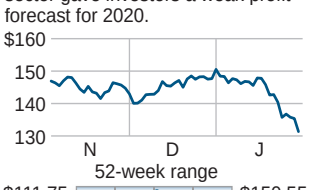
$166.30 $244.99
Vol.: **6.0m (2.7x avg.)** PE: **16.8**
Mkt. Cap: **$128.4 b** Yield: **3.0%**

Deckers Outdoor DECK
Close: **$190.91** ▲**13.53 or 7.6%**
The maker of Ugg footwear raised its profit forecast for the year after reporting good third-quarter financial results.



$130.19 $199.31
Vol.: **2.5m (6.0x avg.)** PE: **19.1**
Mkt. Cap: **$5.3 b** Yield: **...**

Caterpillar CAT
Close: **$131.35** ▼**-4.02 or -3.0%**
The construction equipment company and bellwether for the industrial sector gave investors a weak profit forecast for 2020.



$111.75 $150.55
Vol.: **6.8m (2.4x avg.)** PE: **12.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$72.6 b** Yield: **3.1%**

SOURCE: FIS AP

Company Spotlight: Exxon's oil slick

Exxon Mobil slid 4% after the country's largest oil producer reported a drop in fourth-quarter profit on squeezed margins for its chemical and retail fuel operations.

The results fell far short of Wall Street forecasts as the company faces increasing pressure from sliding oil prices as a spreading virus outbreak threatens demand.

Oil prices have fluctuated widely throughout 2019 as tensions in the Middle East and sanctions in Venezuela disrupted global oil supply, while fears of a global economic slowdown put a damper on demand. So far in 2020, crude oil prices are down more than 15%.

The spread of the virus from China to other regions could drive down energy demand as people and corporations reduce travel, particularly to China. While the situation remains in flux, analysts say global oil demand could be weaker than previous estimates, at least in the short term.

Exxon Mobil (XOM) Friday's close: **$62.12, -2.67**

52-WEEK RANGE $61 $83

Price-earnings ratio: **18** (Based on past 12-month results)

Total return	1-yr	3-yrs*	5-yrs*
XOM	-11.2%	-5.7	-2.9

Div. yield: 5.6% **Dividend:** $3.48

AP *annualized Source: FactSet

MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AB			
DiversMunicipal	14.75	+.04	+6.1
GlbBdAdv	8.63	+.06	+7.7
LgCpGrAdv	63.51	-1.81	+23.9
AMG			
Yacktmanl	20.17	-.40	+10.2
Akre			
FocInstl d	47.26	-.56	+30.8
FocRetail m	46.07	-.54	+30.5
American Beacon			
SmCpValInstl	23.01	-.84	+4.3
American Century			
EqIncI	9.00	-.18	+16.0
EqIncInv	8.98	-.18	+15.6
GrInv	37.09	-.66	+25.3
UltraInv	53.62	-.89	+25.2
American Funds			
AMCpA m	33.39	-.99	+16.3
AmrcnBalA m	28.45	-.45	+13.6
AmrcnHiIncA m	10.04	-.06	+7.1
AmrcnMutA m	43.03	-.88	+14.8
BdfAmrcA m	13.32	+.10	+8.8
CptWldGrIncA m	51.35	-1.55	+14.8
CptlIncBldrA m	62.75	-1.02	+11.8
CptlWldBdA m	20.51	+.17	+7.0
EuroPacGrA m	53.96	-2.00	+13.8
FdmtlInvsA m	61.30	-1.73	+16.9
GlbBalA m	34.00	-.59	+10.8
GrfAmrcA m	51.59	-1.13	+18.2
HiIncMuniBdA m	16.68	+.06	+10.1
IncAmrcA m	23.06	-.37	+13.3
IntlGrIncA m	35.00	-1.23	+14.6
IntrmBdfAmrA m	13.58	+.07	+5.1
InvCAmrcA m	39.07	-1.05	+15.9
NewWldA m	68.96	-2.34	+15.3
NwPrspctvA m	47.33	-1.05	+20.3
SmCpWldA m	58.28	-1.48	+18.8
TheNewEcoA m	45.86	-1.21	+15.9
TxExBdA m	13.53	+.05	+8.2
WAMtInvsA m	47.53	-1.23	+17.0
Angel Oak			
MltStratIncIns	11.08	+.01	+5.4
Artisan			
IntlInstl	33.38	-.62	+21.6
IntlValueInstl	36.06	-1.02	+11.8
Baird			
AggrgateBdInstl	11.41	+.05	+10.4
CorPlusBdInstl	11.76	+.04	+10.7
IntermBdInstl	11.42	+.05	+7.8
ShrtTrmBdInstl	9.82	+.01	+4.8
Baron			
EmMktsInstl	14.27	-.65	+5.6
GrInstl	88.51	-.39	+31.1
BlackRock			
EqDivInstl	20.34	-.53	+16.1
EqDivInvA m	20.26	-.53	+15.8
GlbAllcInclnstl	19.35	-.23	+13.7
GlbAllcInclnvA m	19.23	-.22	+13.3
HYBdInstl	7.73	-.03	+10.1
HYBdK	7.73	-.03	+10.3
LowDurBdInstl	9.68	+.02	+4.7
NtnlMnInstl	11.30	+.03	+8.6
StrIncOpIns	10.02	-.01	+7.3
StratMuOpIns	11.92	...	+7.8
TtlRetInstl	12.12	+.05	+10.1
Calamos			
MktNetrlInclns	13.34	-.04	+5.1
Causeway			
IntlValInstl	14.82	-.59	+6.3
ClearBridge			
AggresivGrA m	171.24	-6.92	+14.2
ApprecA m	26.08	-.55	+25.0
LgCpGrI	55.00	-1.38	+25.3
Cohen & Steers			
PrfrdScInc,Incl x	14.44	-.06	+15.0
RlEsttSecInclns	17.79	-.32	+19.5
Columbia			
DivIncIns	24.27	-.47	+19.9
SlgCmsInfoA m	80.22	-3.94	+37.0
DFA			
EMktCorEql	20.45	-1.31	+0.8
EMktSCInstl	19.77	-1.26	+1.5
EmMktsInstl	27.40	-1.70	+0.7
EmMktsValInstl	26.38	-1.82	-6.0
FvYrGlbFIIns	10.78	+.01	+3.8
GlbAllc6040Ins	18.73	-.30	+10.7
GlbEqInstl	24.26	-.72	+13.6
GlbRlEsttSec	11.88	-.18	+15.2
IntlProtSecIns	12.33	+.13	+9.1
IntlCorEqIns	13.31	-.40	+8.6
IntlRlEsttScIns	4.98	-.06	+12.7
IntlSmCoInstl	18.17	-.50	+10.7
IntlSmCpValIns	18.33	-.49	+6.6
IntlValInstl	16.73	-.60	+1.2
ItmGovtFIIns	13.14	+.16	+9.5
LgCpIntlInstl	22.99	-.68	+10.3
OneYearFIInstl	10.31	...	+2.4
RlEsttSecInstl	41.49	-.68	+16.7
ShTrmExOtyl	10.85	+.01	+4.2
TAUSCorEq2Instl	19.81	-.54	+16.6
TAWexUSCrEqIns	10.71	-.42	+6.1
TMdUSEq	34.64	-.77	+20.6
TMdUSMktwdVl	31.13	-1.07	+11.6
TMdUSTrgtedVal	33.47	-1.30	+3.7
TwYrGlbFIIns	9.93	+.01	+2.8
USCorEq1Instl	25.55	-.66	+17.7
USCorEqIIInstl	23.24	-.63	+16.3
USLgCo	24.77	-.53	+21.6
USLgCpValInstl	37.09	-1.30	+10.7
USMicroCpInstl	20.51	-.83	+3.6
USSmCpInstl	33.55	-1.17	+5.4
USSmCpValInstl	32.07	-1.36	-1.8
USTrgtedValIns	21.75	-.88	+1.9
USVectorEqInstl	18.81	-.63	+9.9
Davis			
NYVentureA m	29.17	-.77	+16.0
Delaware Inv			
ValInstl	21.80	-.67	+9.7
Dodge & Cox			
Bal	99.91	-1.98	+11.0
GlbStk	12.17	-.46	+9.4
Inc	14.25	+.06	+9.8
IntlStk	41.45	-1.56	+7.6
Stk	187.45	-6.15	+11.3
DoubleLine			
CorFII x	11.24	+.03	+8.6
LowDurBdI x	10.04	-.01	+4.4
TtlRetBdI x	10.79	+.04	+7.1
TtlRetBdN x	10.79	+.04	+6.9
Eaton Vance			
AtlntCpSMIDCI	37.09	-.88	+23.1
FltngRtInstl	8.86	-.02	+5.2
Edgewood			
GrInstl	39.13	-.99	+26.4
FPA			
Crescent d	33.66	-.47	+10.6
NewInc	10.01	+.01	NA
Federated			
InsHYBdIns	9.87	-.05	+9.8
KaufmannR m	6.12	-.09	+24.6
StratValDivIns	5.60	-.15	+11.8
TtlRetBdInstl	11.23	+.06	+9.7
Fidelity			
500IdxInsPrm	111.98	-2.40	+21.7
AsstMgr20%	13.74	-.03	+8.9
AsstMgr50%	18.70	-.19	+13.0
AsstMgr70%	22.66	-.38	+14.9
BCGrowth	111.14	-2.30	+25.5
BCGrowth	15.49	-.35	+25.2
BCGrowthK	111.40	-2.30	+25.6
Balanced	24.82	-.32	+17.7
BalancedK	24.82	-.32	+17.8
Cap&Inc	10.18	-.10	+10.9
CmdtyStrat	4.41	-.15	-5.5
Contrafund	14.00	-.26	+21.3
ContrafundK	14.02	-.26	+21.3
CptlApprec	34.22	-.75	+22.3
DivGro	29.90	-.84	+14.3
DiversIntl	40.01	-1.26	+21.4
DiversIntlK	39.92	-1.26	+21.5
EmergMktsOpps	19.66	-1.10	+12.0
EqDividendInc	24.78	-.72	+13.5
EqIncome	59.35	-1.25	+16.7
ExMktIdxInPr	64.72	-1.40	+14.1
Fidelity	51.84	-.93	+27.1
FltngRtHiInc	9.47	-.04	+5.9
FourinOneIdx	48.81	-.92	+16.4
Frdm 2015	12.84	-.15	+11.0
Frdm 2020	16.12	-.23	+11.8
Frdm 2025	14.21	-.24	+12.5
Frdm 2030	17.64	-.35	+13.4
Frdm 2035	14.85	-.38	+14.2
Frdm 2040	10.39	-.29	+14.3
Frdm 2045	11.81	-.33	+14.3
Frdm 2050	11.89	-.34	+14.2
GNMA	11.58	+.01	+5.4
GlbexUSIdxInsPr	12.96	-.47	+9.3
GlobalexUSIdx	12.75	-.46	+9.2
GroCo	21.95	-.51	+28.6
GroCo	18.28	-.42	+29.9
GroCoK	21.99	-.51	+28.7
Growth&Inc	41.22	-1.00	+17.1
HighIncome	8.88	-.05	+8.6
IntlDiscv	44.43	-1.36	+18.2
IntlGr	17.37	-.59	+25.9
IntlIdxInstlPrm	41.87	-1.21	+11.7
IntlVal	9.55	-.31	+8.9
IntrmMuniInc	10.78	+.03	+7.4
InvmGradeBd	11.78	+.08	+10.5
InvmGradeBd	8.33	+.05	+10.2
LargeCapValIdx	12.91	-.31	+14.9
LgCpValEnhIdx	13.41	-.31	+12.6
LowPrStk	47.86	-1.97	+10.9
LowPrStkK	47.81	-1.97	+11.0
Magellan	10.49	-.19	+24.2
MichiganMuniInc	12.66	+.06	+8.2
MidCapStock	35.40	-.87	+14.3
NasdCmpIdx	114.83	-2.08	+26.9
NewMktsInc	15.23	+.06	+6.4
OTCPortfolio	13.11	-.24	+30.0
OTCPortfolioK	13.33	-.25	+30.2
Overseas	51.08	-1.46	+19.3
Puritan	22.97	-.27	+15.9
PuritanK	22.95	-.27	+16.0
RealEstInv	45.68	-.76	+14.4
ShTrmBd	8.74	+.02	+4.3
SmCpOpps	13.73	-.30	+15.2
StkSelorAllCp	47.93	-.97	+20.8
TaxFreeBond	12.13	+.06	+9.9
TotalBond	11.09	+.06	+10.0
TtlMktIdxInsPrm	90.47	-1.94	+20.4
USBdIdxInsPrm	12.13	+.08	+9.6
Value	10.59	-.37	+12.1
Fidelity Advisor			
NewInsA m	32.41	-.62	+18.7
NewInsI	33.25	-.64	+19.0
StgInc	12.54	...	+8.3
StgInc	12.54	...	+8.3
TotalBondI	11.07	+.06	+10.0
Fidelity Select			
Biotechnology	21.11	-.25	+15.1
HealthCare	28.25	-.64	+17.9
ITServices	79.05	-1.55	+34.4
MedTech&Devcs	60.34	-1.43	+19.6
Semicon	12.24	-.87	+43.1
Swre&ITSvcs	20.97	-.13	+36.4
Technology	20.78	-.36	+47.0
First Eagle			
GlbA m	56.35	-1.37	+9.0
Franklin Templeton			
CATxFrIncA1 x	7.81	+.04	+11.3
DynaTechA m	92.87	-1.03	+28.2
FdrTFIncA1 m	12.19	+.06	+8.5
GlbBdA m	10.61	-.03	-2.2
GlbBdAdv	10.56	-.03	-2.0
GlbBdR6	10.56	-.03	-1.9
Gr,IncA m	21.81	-.63	+2.7
GrA m	114.25	-2.22	+23.5
IncA1 m	2.32	-.02	+8.2
IncAdv	2.30	-.02	+8.3
IncC m	2.35	-.03	+7.5
MutGlbDiscvA m	29.41	-.95	+11.4
MutGlbDiscvZ	30.07	-.97	+11.7
MutZ	26.85	-.70	+11.5
RisingDivsA m	69.27	-1.54	+20.9
GE			
RSPUSEq	57.51	-.98	+22.7
Harbor			
CptlApprecInstl	79.06	-.92	+26.3
Harding Loevner			
EmMktsAdv d	56.74	-3.03	+12.0
IntlEqInstl d	23.19	-.95	+16.0
Hartford			
CptlApprecA m	37.42	-.83	+19.6
MidCpI	31.58	-.94	+18.8
INVESCO			
ComStkA m	23.83	-.81	+9.1
CptlAprcA m	56.42	-1.10	+24.5
DevMktsA m	44.53	-1.60	+9.8
DevMktsY	43.84	-1.57	+10.1
DiversDivA m	20.41	-.38	+15.6
EqandIncA m	10.09	-.21	+10.0
GlbA m	94.86	-3.62	+17.7
HYMuniA m	10.50	+.05	+11.7
IntlGrY	43.53	-1.67	+18.5
MnStrA m	48.14	-.94	+21.3
MnsA m	17.17	+.12	+14.7
Ivy			
SciAndTechA m	71.83	-2.84	+35.0
JPMorgan			
CPBondR6	8.61	+.04	+9.7
CoreBondI	12.07	+.07	+9.9
CoreBondR6	12.09	+.07	+10.1
EqIncI	19.12	-.38	+17.3
HighYieldR6	7.24	-.05	+8.4
LCapGrI	42.21	-.53	+30.4
MCapValL	38.54	-.99	+12.0
Janus Henderson			
BalancedT	37.20	-.39	+18.6
EnterpriseT	141.46	-3.59	+23.4
Jensen			
QualGrI	51.23	-1.58	+19.2
John Hancock			
BdR6	16.41	+.10	+10.8
DiscpValI	19.89	-.68	+9.0
DiscpValMCI	21.76	-.54	+15.0
DiscpValR6	19.92	-.69	+9.1
IntlGrI	29.50	-.96	+18.6
MltMgLsBlA b	14.06	-.19	+11.9
MltmgrLsGr1 b	14.17	-.29	+12.7
Lazard			
EMEqInstl	17.34	-1.07	-0.7
GlbLtdInfrsIns	16.30	-.15	+19.4
IntlStratEqIns	15.16	-.39	+12.2
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	13.81	-.07	+8.0
GrY	18.48	-.31	+22.4
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatedA m	15.32	-.34	+13.3
BdDebA m	8.19	...	+10.4
BdDebF b	8.18	...	+10.7
ShrtDurIncA m	4.23	+.01	+5.1
ShrtDurIncC m	4.26	+.01	+4.7
ShrtDurIncF b	4.23	+.01	+5.5
ShrtDurInclnstl	4.23	+.01	+5.6
MFS			
GrA m	123.52	-1.37	+30.9
GrI	132.08	-1.45	+31.2
InstlIntlEq	27.37	-.79	+19.3
MAInvsGrStkA m	33.06	-.83	+29.9
MAInvsTrustA m	32.65	-.84	+21.3
TtlRetA x	19.89	-.30	+13.7
ValA m	43.72	-1.05	+18.3
ValI	43.98	-1.05	+18.6
Mairs & Power			
GrInv	125.42	-3.35	+18.4
MassMutual			
SelectMdCpGrI	23.61	-.58	+19.0
Metropolitan West			
TtlRetBdI	11.13	+.07	+10.2
TtlRetBdM b	11.13	+.07	+9.9
TtlRetBdPlan	10.47	+.07	+10.3
Neuberger Berman			
GenesisR6	57.99	-1.64	+18.2
Northern			
IntlEqIdx d	12.40	-.36	+13.0
StkIdx	37.05	-.79	+21.5
Nuveen			
HYMuniBdA m	18.41	+.09	+13.9
HYMuniBdI	18.41	+.09	+14.1
IntermDrMnBdI	9.64	+.03	+8.1
LtdTrmMnBdI	11.30	+.02	+5.5
Oakmark			
EqAndIncInv	28.65	-.60	+8.0
IntlInv	23.49	-.65	+7.6
Inv	77.74	-2.36	+10.3
Old Westbury			
GlbSmMdCpStrat	15.29	-.41	+12.4
LgCpStrats	14.99	-.35	+16.1
Osterweis			
StrInc	10.89	-.01	+3.3
PGIM Investments			
HighYieldZ	5.55	-.02	+10.9
TtlRetBdA m	14.77	+.11	+11.6
TtlRetBdZ	14.72	+.12	+12.0
PIMCO			
AllAstInstl	11.70	-.21	+6.9
HYInstl	9.00	-.03	+9.7
IBdUSDHI	10.86	+.07	+7.7
IncA m	12.08	-.01	+7.0
IncC m	12.08	-.01	+6.2
Incl2	12.08	-.01	+7.4
IncInstl	12.08	-.01	+7.5
InvtGrdCdtBdI	11.16	+.07	+15.0
InvtGrdCdtBdI-2	11.16	+.07	+14.9
LowDrInstl	9.87	+.04	+4.6
MortgOpps&Bdl	10.89	+.01	+5.2
RlRetInstl	11.48	+.10	+9.1
ShrtTrmIns	9.79	+.02	+2.9
TtlRetA m	10.57	+.10	+9.2
TtlRetIns	10.57	+.10	+9.6
PRIMECAP Odyssey			
AgrsGr	44.08	-1.79	+7.9
Gr	39.85	-1.58	+9.7
Stk	33.42	-1.12	+14.0
Parnassus			
CorEqInv	47.08	-.89	+23.0
Pioneer			
A m	29.54	-.62	+23.6
Principal			
LCpSP500IdxIs

MarketPulse

HUMMER GOES GREEN
General Motors is giving the Hummer a green makeover for its return to the road. The once gas-guzzling target for environmentalists will hit the market with a battery-powered motor in September of 2021. GM has released few details, but the vehicle will have a huge battery to generate the equivalent of 1,000 horsepower, and will be able to go from zero to 60 in three seconds. At least part of the new Hummer will be shown in a 30-second television ad featuring basketball star LeBron James during the second quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl.

BUFFETT BAILS ON NEWSPAPERS
Billionaire Warren Buffett, a lifelong fan of newspapers, is giving up on the medium. He's selling all of Berkshire Hathaway's publications to Lee Enterprises for $140 million, including the Omaha World-Herald in Nebraska and The Buffalo News in New York. Buffett has said for several years that he expects most newspapers to continue on their declining trajectory, save for a handful of national papers such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. The deal reinforces that the newspaper industry is out of favor with most investors, said Rick Edmonds, a media business analyst with The Poynter Institute.

HOT DOG IN A PICKLE
Oscar Mayer's iconic Wienermobile got a grilling from a Wisconsin sheriff's deputy because the driver of the giant hot dog failed to give enough room to another car on the road with emergency lights. The deputy pulled over the Wienermobile and gave the driver a verbal warning for not following the law, the Waukesha Sheriff's Office said in a tweet posted Monday. It showed a picture of the sheriff's deputy's SUV parked behind the Wienermobile with the hashtags, #MoveOver #SlowDown #Wienermobile. The first Weinermobile was created in 1936 and it has gone through several iterations since then.

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Quotable

"Advertisers realize that people are just exhausted and are just playing it safe. They're doing some lighthearted stuff. America needs it right now."

— **Steve Merino**, chief creative director of Aloysius Butler & Clark, on this year's Super Bowl ads.

Flowering earbuds

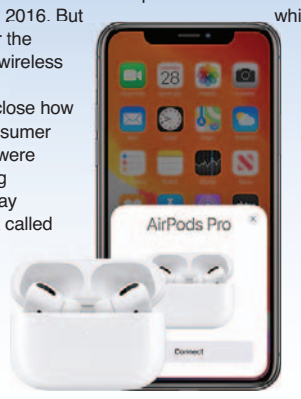
Apple dismayed a lot of customers when it dumped the iPhone headphone jack in 2016. But the move is now paying off for the company in sales of its latest wireless earbuds, the AirPods Pro.

Although Apple doesn't disclose how many AirPods Pro it sells, consumer electronics analysts say they were among the market's top-selling products during the past holiday season. Apple CEO Tim Cook called demand for the gadgets "phenomenal" in a review of the company's October-December quarter.

The AirPods' success is helping to propel Apple's "wearables, home and accessories" category, which also includes the Apple Watch and HomePod speaker. It's now the company's fastest growing division, with revenue surging 37% from the previous year during the holiday-season quarter to $10 billion. That's more than double the sales from just three years ago.

The growth is lessening Apple's dependence on the iPhone and helping lift its stock to record highs.

The AirPods Pro, released in October, feature noise cancellation and, Apple says, fit better in people's ears. They're also pricey at $250 a set, up from $160 to $200 for the first-generation AirPods.



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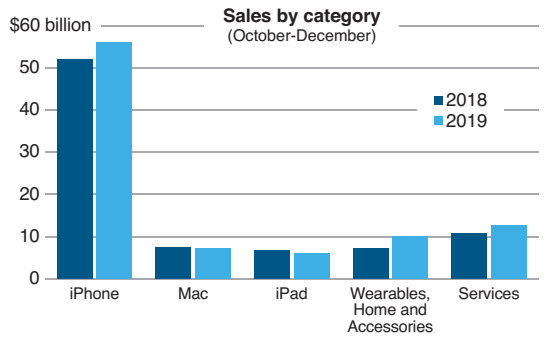

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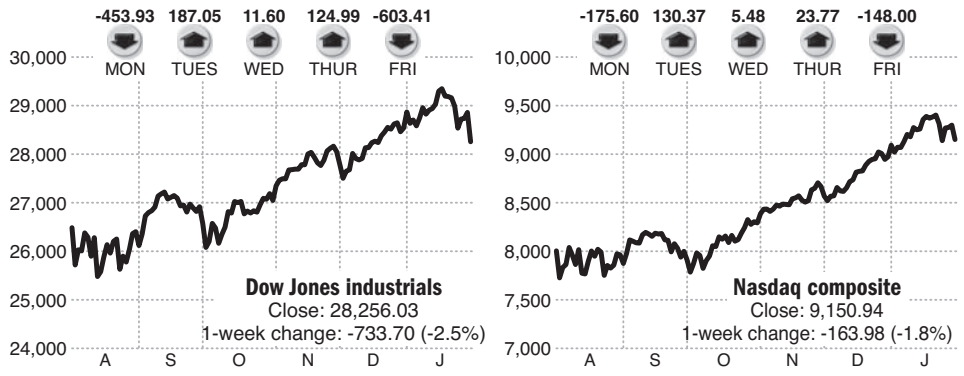


WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
29373.62	24323.94	Dow Jones industrial average	28944.24	28169.53	28256.03	-733.70	-2.5	▼	▲	-1.0	+12.7
11359.49	9676.06	Dow Jones transportation	11038.15	10533.29	10566.74	-493.10	-4.5	▼	▼	-3.1	+4.4
944.59	701.52	Dow Jones utilities	944.59	927.46	938.57	+6.63	+0.7	▲	▲	+6.8	+29.5
14183.26	11984.86	NYSE Comp.	13922.44	13573.04	13614.10	-364.37	-2.6	▼	▲	-2.2	+10.4
5914.74	5127.21	NYSE International	5767.82	5615.63	5632.89	-179.65	-3.1	▼	▲	-3.4	+6.8
9272.37	6613.42	Nasdaq 100	9170.22	8910.97	8991.51	-149.96	-1.6	▲	▲	+3.0	+30.8
9451.43	7011.47	Nasdaq Comp.	9329.12	9088.04	9150.94	-163.98	-1.8	▲	▲	+2.0	+26.0
3337.77	2624.06	S&P 500	3293.47	3214.68	3225.52	-69.95	-2.1	▼	▲	-0.2	+19.2
2106.30	1801.88	S&P MidCap	2064.95	2002.33	2007.22	-57.93	-2.8	▼	▲	-2.7	+9.0
34000.41	27190.36	Wilshire 5000	33519.29	32742.02	32838.19	-701.36	-2.1	▼	▲	-0.2	+17.2
1715.08	1450.32	Russell 2000	1663.77	1610.64	1614.06	-48.17	-2.9	▼	▲	-3.3	+7.5
425.36	354.03	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	420.56	410.43	410.71	-12.93	-3.1	▼	▲	-1.2	+14.2
7727.49	6734.00	FTSE 100	7585.98	7275.03	7286.01	-299.97	-4.0	▼	▼	-3.4	+3.8

Weekly Gainers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
CleBio h	4.23	+2.91	+220.5
LianlouSm	2.91	+1.83	+169.4
BQQI Intl	4.98	+2.48	+99.2
NanoViric	16.76	+8.31	+98.3
AethMd hrs	4.34	+1.94	+80.8
Acceleron	90.78	+38.73	+74.4
CoDiagn	3.26	+1.38	+73.4
Lee Ent	2.11	+.86	+68.8
DelphiTc	15.34	+5.52	+56.2
RoadrTr rs	9.97	+3.47	+53.4

Weekly Losers ($2 or more)

STOCK	LAST	WK CHG	WK %CHG
TESSCO	6.20	-4.77	-43.5
Intelsat	3.41	-2.59	-43.2
Eros Intl	2.41	-1.46	-37.7
NeurMt hrs	3.05	-1.70	-35.8
TrnWEnt rs	3.46	-1.81	-34.3
AmtechSys	5.13	-2.64	-34.0
BrigStrat	3.67	-1.57	-30.0
Silvrbow	5.32	-2.17	-29.0
CharahSol	2.00	-.75	-27.3
Centogene n	9.76	-3.24	-24.9

Weekly Actives ($1 or more)

STOCK	VOL (00s)	LAST	WK CHG
GenElec	5136911	12.45	+.74
AMD	3573188	47.00	-3.35
FordM	3124285	8.82	-.03
BkofAm	2447178	32.83	-.71
Apple Inc	2354140	309.51	-8.80
AT&T Inc	2188496	37.62	-.88
Microsoft	2087781	170.23	+5.19
Pfizer	2074954	37.24	-2.20
FrptMcM	1786763	11.10	-.74
LuckinCf n	1753505	32.49	-8.34

Renewable plants rise

As new power plants are built across the country over the next year, more than three-quarters of the potential electricity they generate will come from the wind and the sun.

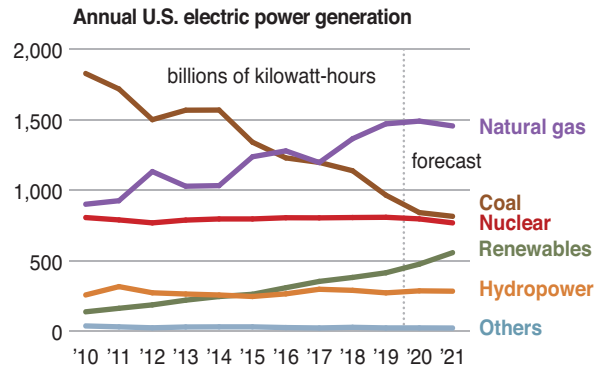
It's not just coal power they're replacing. The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects the development of new natural gas power plants to slow this year.

Wind is expected to fuel 44% of the new electricity capacity that's built, while solar energy is expected to provide 32%, according to reports from the EIA. Natural gas-fired power plants will provide 22% of the new capacity.

But when it comes to measuring the electricity that's actually generated from the new sources, natural gas may end up powering more than 22%, because those plants can be run all the time, including when the sun isn't shining or wind isn't blowing.

The trend is expected to continue next year. The EIA expects generation from renewable energy sources other than hydroelectricity to grow by 17% in 2021 while natural gas-fired generation will decline by 2.3%. Coal generation is expected to fall by 3.2%.

More wind and sun power: Renewable energy is expected to be 76% of new capacity being built.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	1.10		
Fidelity Inv Money Market/Instit	1.72	$10 mil.	(800) 544-6666
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.50		
Federated Muni Oblig Fund/Wealth	0.90	500K	(800) 341-7400

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.06	-0.12	▼	▼	-1.16	3.29	2.06
Triple-A corporate Moody's	2.82	-0.06	▼	▼	-1.03	3.87	2.79
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	2.61	-0.10	▼	▼	-1.38	4.07	2.61
U.S. high yield Barclays	5.84	0.00	▼	▲	-1.19	7.12	5.43
Global Aggregate Barclays	1.27	-0.09	▼	▼	-0.71	2.01	1.17
Treasury 10-Yr. TIPS		-0.01	▼	▼	-0.75	0.93	0.00

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	CHANGE 1MO	CHANGE 3MO	CHANGE 1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW
3-month T-Bill	1.55	0.02	▲	▲	-0.84	2.45	1.51
6-month T-Bill	1.54	0.01	▼	▲	-0.92	2.53	1.53
52-week T-Bill	1.44	-0.08	▼	▼	-1.11	2.59	1.44
2-year T-Note	1.31	-0.16	▼	▼	-1.14	2.59	1.31
5-year T-Note	1.32	-0.17	▼	▼	-1.11	2.58	1.32
10-year T-Note	1.51	-0.17	▼	▼	-1.12	2.75	1.46
30-year T-Bond	2.01	-0.12	▼	▼	-0.99	3.12	1.94

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar fell against the euro, British pound and the Japanese yen. The dollar rose against the Mexican peso and Canadian dollar.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.3200	+.0117	+.89%	1.2161	1.3113
Canadian Dollar	1.3233	+.0016	+.12%	1.3197	1.3132
USD per Euro	1.1089	+.0058	+.52%	1.1085	1.1444
Japanese Yen	108.37	-.41	-.38%	108.77	108.89
Mexican Peso	18.8711	+.0539	+.29%	19.1421	19.1347
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.4484	-.0030	-.09%	3.4963	3.6333
Norwegian Krone	9.1886	-.0087	-.09%	8.8512	8.4357
South African Rand	14.9892	+.2007	+1.34%	14.3509	13.2694
Swedish Krona	9.6201	-.0206	-.21%	9.6674	9.0498
Swiss Franc	.9634	-.0061	-.63%	.9937	.9947
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.4933	+.0032	+.21%	1.4621	1.3765
Chinese Yuan	6.9367	-.0000	-.00%	6.8842	6.7004
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7675	+.0013	+.02%	7.8275	7.8471
Indian Rupee	71.561	-.006	-.01%	69.106	70.952
Singapore Dollar	1.3648	+.0024	+.18%	1.3729	1.3461
South Korean Won	1197.80	+7.40	+.62%	1188.53	1114.09
Taiwan Dollar	30.38	+.06	+.20%	31.16	30.73

Commodities

Energy prices were mixed, with crude oil prices falling more than 1%. Natural gas prices rose, and wholesale gasoline prices were little changed. Gold prices fell and silver rose.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	51.56	52.14	-1.11	-15.6
Ethanol (gal)	1.34	1.34	...	-2.6
Heating Oil (gal)	1.63	1.64	-0.87	-19.8
Natural Gas (mm btu)	1.84	1.83	+0.66	-15.9
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.49	1.49	-0.11	-11.7
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1582.90	1583.50	-0.04	+4.2
Silver (oz)	17.97	17.95	+0.11	+0.8
Platinum (oz)	961.90	980.50	-1.90	-1.0
Copper (lb)	2.52	2.52	-0.14	-9.8
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.21	1.22	-0.33	-2.7
Coffee (lb)	1.05	1.04	+1.21	-19.1
Corn (bu)	3.81	3.80	+0.46	-1.7
Cotton (lb)	0.68	0.69	-2.24	-2.2
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	435.30	436.10	-0.18	+7.3
Orange Juice (lb)	0.96	0.95	+0.52	-1.3
Soybeans (bu)	8.73	8.76	-0.43	-7.5
Wheat (bu)	5.54	5.61	-1.20	-0.9

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Tesla Inc	TSLA	650.57	15.2	**46.9**	95.3	dd	...
PG&E Corp	PCG	15.21	6.6	**43.9**	7.6	22	...
RingCentral Inc	RNG	205.58	4.2	**20.6**	134.5	dd	...
Twilio Inc	TWLO	124.34	2.4	**20.1**	24.7	...	...
Atlassian Corp plc	TEAM	147.00	0.1	**19.5**	60.0	dd	...
Square Inc	SQ	74.69	5.0	**18.6**	11.1	...	...
Lennar Corp A	LEN	66.36	-0.4	**17.5**	48.0	11	0.2
Paycom Software	PAYC	318.16	1.1	**16.7**	127.3	71	...
ServiceNow Inc	NOW	338.23	9.3	**16.2**	69.3	dd	...
Uber Technologies	UBER	36.29	-1.4	**15.7**	0.0	...	...
Shopify Inc	SHOP	465.66	0.0	**15.2**	198.6	dd	...
Santander Consum USA	SC	26.62	13.3	**14.9**	41.3	7	...
PulteGroup Inc	PHM	44.65	2.2	**14.4**	70.5	26	1.1
Teva Pharm	TEVA	10.40	3.0	**14.4**	-47.4	dd	7.1
Rollins Inc	ROL	37.95	3.7	**14.2**	3.6	38	1.1

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Vir Biotechnology	VIR	26.63	33.5	**121.2**	0.0	...	...
Acceleron Pharma	XLRN	90.78	74.4	**78.2**	101.6	dd	...
Applied Therapeutics	APLT	52.47	7.8	**75.5**	0.0	dd	...
Alector Inc	ALEC	27.94	13.8	**71.9**	0.0	dd	...
SmileDirectClub Inc	SDC	13.39	2.4	**59.8**	0.0	...	...
Viela Bio Inc	VIE	39.35	6.0	**53.1**	0.0	...	...
Momenta Pharm	MNTA	29.02	3.0	**53.0**	162.5	dd	...
Virgin Galactic un	SPCE/U	19.16	-1.5	**47.4**	94.6	...	...
Beyond Meat Inc	BYND	110.42	-7.6	**46.4**	0.0	dd	...
Virgin Galactic Hldg	SPCE	17.15	-0.3	**45.2**	74.9	...	...
Denali Therapeutics	DNLI	23.16	-6.0	**43.4**	32.7	...	...
Revance Therapeutics	RVNC	22.37	2.7	**42.0**	34.9	dd	...
GSX Techedu Inc	GSX	32.69	4.7	**39.5**	0.0	...	...
Karuna Therapeutics	KRTX	94.91	-4.9	**34.6**	0.0	dd	...
Appian Corp A	APPN	51.04	4.9	**33.9**	60.4	...	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
NanoViricides Inc	NNVC	16.76	98.3	**392.9**	60.7	dd	...
Adaptimmune Therap	ADAP	3.90	-0.5	**225.0**	-12.0	...	...
Trillium Therapeutic	TRIL	3.84	-14.8	**204.8**	152.2	...	...
LMP Automotive Hldgs	LMPX	41.93	-4.2	**117.6**	0.0	...	...
Clearside Biomecical	CLSD	3.77	36.1	**95.3**	212.6	dd	...
ACM Research Inc	ACMR	34.74	-2.7	**81.9**	285.4	63	...
La Jolla Pharm	LJPC	6.85	-9.9	**76.1**	21.3	dd	...
ArTara Therapeutics	TARA	32.50	-3.0	**72.9**	0.0	dd	...
Novavax Inc	NVAX	7.62	-2.3	**71.6**	-84.3	...	...
NantHealth Inc	NH	1.72	26.5	**68.6**	228.4	...	...
Profound Medical	PROF	16.69	37.6	**62.0**	132.7	...	...
Community Hlth Sys	CYH	4.29	-4.0	**61.3**	29.2	dd	...
Tracon Pharma	TCON	4.02	-4.1	**60.8**	-49.4	dd	...
Evelo Biosciences	EVLO	5.87	-2.3	**59.9**	-21.8	dd	...
Kaleido Biosciences	KLDO	8.58	12.7	**57.7**	0.0	dd	...

InsiderQ&A

Protecting taxpayers' rights

Nina Olson
Former National Taxpayer advocate
Taxpayer Advocate Service

Nina Olson is the former National Taxpayer Advocate, where she represented the voice of the taxpayer within the IRS and before Congress for 18 years. As part of her job, she oversaw the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate Service, which has offices around the nation. While her role was within the IRS, it was independent of the agency and she was often considered one of its most vocal critics. She retired in July and recently launched a nonprofit.

She began her career as a tax preparer, later becoming an attorney who defended taxpayers dealing with the IRS. She also opened the first independent low-income taxpayer clinic in the United States.

Taxpayer rights are your life's work, what drew you to it?

First I was an artist, I was a painter and I needed to do something to make money. My friends who were artists had no one to help them prepare their taxes so I started to helpthem. Then what I saw was the imbalance of power as people who made a mistake and wanted to fix it but were afraid of the IRS. That led to me becoming an attorney focusing on taxpayers with controversies with the IRS and that led to me to wanting to do pro bono work for taxpayers. There was no vehicle to do that, so I started the Community Tax Law Project.

The more I worked in that field, the more I observed how tax administration works, not just in U.S. but around the world. (Low-income taxpayers are underrepresented in these systems) and that leads to incorrect results for those taxpayers and decisions against them.

Tell me about your new nonprofit.
The Center for Taxpayer Rights is just what it says, I'm not into fancy names. I really see it as a hub of activity for taxpayer rights; but the activity is in partnership with other entities, other governments — it could be anything. Its goal is to advance taxpayer rights here and around the world.This year we will be holding the fifth annual international conference on taxpayer rights in South Africa looking at issues for developing countries.

It's tax filing season right now, if you could tell taxpayers one thing, what would it be?
I think there are just a couple of common-sense rules: If someone tells you something that sound too good to be true, it probably is. Because the law is so complex, people rely a lot on their preparers and there are unscrupulous preparers out there. If you are using software be careful how you are entering info. If a taxpayer is using software, the law says they are responsible for errors.

And if you get a notice from IRS don't ignore it. If you don't respond, they will assume you are ignoring them and next thing you know your paycheck is being withdrawn. If you can't get through or no one is listening to you, go to the Taxpayer Advocate. You will get a real live human and you will get one person who is assigned to you.

Interviewed by Sarah Skidmore Sell.
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AP

Facebook fights spread of misinformation about virus online

By DAVID KLEPPER
The Associated Press

Facebook says it's working to limit the spread of misinformation and potentially harmful content about the coronavirus as bogus claims about the ongoing outbreak circulate online.

Kang-Xing Jin, Facebook's head of health, announced that the social media platform will begin removing posts that include false claims or conspiracy theories about the virus that have been flagged by health authorities. The company said it will focus on posts that discourage people from getting medical treatment, or that make potentially dangerous claims about cures.

The company will also limit the spread of posts debunked by its third-party fact checkers, and sent users who shared the post a notification.

Users who search for information on the virus on Facebook, or who click on certain related hashtags on Instagram, will receive a pop-up providing authoritative information on the virus. In addition, information about the outbreak will also appear at the top of Facebook users' news feeds based on guidance from the World Health Organization.

"We will also block or restrict hashtags used to spread misinformation on Instagram, and are conducting proactive sweeps to find and remove as much of this content as we can," Jin wrote in a post. "Not all of these steps are fully in place. It will take some time to roll them out across our platforms.

Since the outbreak began a number of misleading claims and hoaxes about the virus have circulated online. They include false conspiracy theories that the virus was created in a lab and that vaccines have already been manufactured, wildly exaggerations about the number of sick and dead, and potentially harmful claims about bogus cures.

The coronavirus has now infected more than 9,800 people around the world, based on numbers released Friday. Some 213 deaths have been reported in China, with most of the deaths in the central province of Hubei. The number of cases grew in Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan and Germany on Friday, while Russia, Italy and England reported their first cases.

The first person-to-person transmission of the virus in the U.S. was announced Thursday in Chicago.

Other internet companies have announced their own efforts to stem the flow of misinformation about the disease.

Twitter users who search for information about coronavirus are now given a link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website on coronavirus. YouTube and Google, meanwhile, say they're promoting authoritative information about the virus to the top of search results.

Google also announced Wednesday that users who search for informationo on the virus will see an "SOS Alert" at the top of their screen giving them links to the World Health Organization's refernences on the outbreak.

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banks that make mortgages and small business loans in their communities, but is murky about what other types of loans or activities can count as "community reinvestment." Bankers, regulators and activists alike have all called for an overhaul.

The Trump proposal aims to broaden the definition of what constitutes a bank's community – taking into account that online banking now exists – while broadening the types of loans and services that would qualify under CRA.

Under the administration's new proposal, banks could get credit for other types of lending to low-income customers like credit cards and personal loans – a move that would greatly benefit the largest of the country's banks because they already dominate those lines of business.

The regulations would also give banks credit, under certain circumstances, for loans they make to build or improve facilities such as sports stadiums and hospitals.

It's the broadening of what would qualify under CRA that has community groups upset.

"We all agree there needed to be a list. The problem is what the (Office of the Comptroller of the Currency) has put on that list," said Jesse Van Tol, CEO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, an umbrella group for dozens of community groups trying to get banks to do more work in low-income neighborhoods.

The overhaul of the CRA is being led by Joseph Otting, the Comptroller of the Currency and one of the primary regulators of the national banking industry. Otting had personal experience dealing with CRA due to his long career in banking before taking the comptroller job. He was CEO of OneWest Bank for five years, where Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin served as chairman. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., or FDIC, is also on board with the OCC's plan.

"I know, and care about, these communities. My intent is to strengthen CRA, not weaken it," Otting said.

But Otting's proposed overhaul has caused one of the three national bank regulators – the Federal Reserve – to be unwilling to sign on to his proposal. It's caused a rare public divide between regulators. The public face of the Fed's reluctance has been Lael Brainard, the last remaining Fed governor appointed by President Barack Obama.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said he still preferred a combined proposal on the CRA from the three agencies and added that he hoped it would happen.

"We worked very hard to get on the same page as the other two agencies," he said, adding that a rule written by the three agencies would have been "the best outcome."

Powell also said he was "comfortable" with the position that Brainard had outlined in a speech she made earlier this month that effectively laid out the Fed's issues with the OCC's proposal.

There has also been criticism of the how quickly the OCC is moving forward with its overhaul. It has set only a 60-day comment period instead of the usual 90- or 120-day period.

Banking and community groups have said privately that the timeline is too short for such a substantial overhaul. Otting has publicly said he does not plan to waver from the 60-day period.

Otting took heat from congressional Democrats on Wednesday during a scheduled appearance before the House Financial Services Committee. A significant number of the senior Democrats on the committee are black, including Chairwoman Maxine Waters, and consider CRA to be a critical tool to help black and minority communities.

"CRA was, and still is, a civil rights bill," said Rep. Gregory Meeks, D-New York. "Your proposal would undermine that."

METHANE

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dekatherm in that state, according to data compiled by Peter Weisberg, the Portland, Ore.-based director of product development at 3Degrees, a consultancy that helps businesses use renewable energy.

Every operation is different, but the Fair Oaks dairy in northwest Indiana can produce 221,000 dekatherms of pipeline-ready gas each year from the manure of 10,500 cows, according to a 2017 study from Argonne National Laboratory.

Production costs for dairy digester biogas range roughly from $15 to $30 per dekatherm, Weisberg said.

That's well above the spot market price for natural gas that comes from the ground, which has fluctuated between $2 and $4 per dekatherm this winter. But, Weisberg said, as long as the credit market for biogas in California doesn't collapse from a shift in policy, biogas offers "a lot of additional return that you can get by investing in those projects."

The opportunity, for now, makes the most sense for large dairies.

Tarah Heinzen, an attorney at Food & Water Watch, said her group and others signed a letter last year to Oregon regulators.

Scale matters

The biogas operation Riverview is planning in western Minnesota will be larger than the Fair Oaks project.

AMP Americas, the firm that helped develop the projects in Indiana, will build pipelines connecting three Riverview dairies and an upgrade plant to clean the gas of impurities and carbon dioxide before it's injected into an interstate pipeline.

Martin Gilkes, the company's chief operating officer, said the project should go online in the third quarter of 2020. It's projected to produce 365,000 dekatherms of gas per year.

"Riverview will be our largest project to date and will be a material increase in the size of our portfolio," Gilkes said. "This is a big deal, and we're pretty excited about partnering with this farmer."

Brad Fehr, one of Riverview's founders, said he doesn't want to say much until it is up and running.

"We're cautiously optimistic, but today there's nothing to see," he said. "We are excited about the industry and we're curious about where it's going to lead."

There's reason for caution. Riverview has digesters that were used to produce electricity to sell into the grid, but they sit idle now and will stay that way until the AMP Americas project is complete. And several digesters have been built in Minnesota over the past 20 years that don't generate much, if any, financial return.

But the end market for Riverview's project – low-carbon credits in states with low-carbon fuel standards – is new, and farmers are taking notice.

Haubenschild said for now he can produce only enough biomethane to heat his digester through the year.

Figuring out how to keep the digester warm while producing enough gas to sell as renewable fuel will be a challenge, he said, as will purifying the gas to qualify for carbon credits.

"We're just investigating all that right now," he said.

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St. Joseph's Cailynn Junk puts up a shot over Portage Northern's Anna Fieblekorn during Friday night's game.

Bears split

St. Joseph boys fall to Portage Northern; girls win easily

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

ST. JOSEPH – The St. Joseph boys and girls basketball teams hosted Portage Northern in a Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference West Division doubleheader on Tuesday, with the girls winning 52-15 and the boys falling 43-35.

St. Joseph girls 52 Portage Northern 15

Portage Northern boys 43 St. Joseph 35

The boys game was a back-and-forth affair, with St. Joseph taking a 29-28 lead into the fourth quarter. After a Conner Wright basket put the Bears up 33-32 early in the fourth, Portage Northern attacked the basket and drew fouls to put St. Joseph in the penalty. The Huskies ended the game on an 11-2 run to seal the win.

Portage Northern outscored St.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Conner Wright drives past Portage Northern's Jaleel Williams during the first half of Friday night's game.

Lakeshore boys fall in battle of unbeatens

By HP STAFF

Lakeshore's boys basketball team suffered its first loss of the season Friday, falling 41-35 at undefeated Portage Central in a Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division showdown.

Lakeshore (4-1 SMAC West, 10-1) led 8-3 after one quarter, but Portage Central (5-0, 10-0) rallied to tie the contest at 16 at halftime. The Lancers led 33-32 with 2:29 to play, but the Mustangs scored six straight points to seize control.

JJ Bushu led Lakeshore with 11 points and Ben Brower added 10. Poor shooting proved costly for the Lancers, who were 9-for-19 on free throws and missed all 12 of their 3-point attempts. Lakeshore's 35 points were a season-low.

Ja'Kobe Young had a game-high nine rebounds for the Lancers, who won the boards battle 29-25.

Hunter Young scored a game-high 15 to lead Portage Central and Luke Leto added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Lakeshore will travel to Indiana to play at South Bend Adams at 4 p.m. today. The Lancers will play Portage Central again at home in their final game of the regular season on March 3.

PORTAGE CENTRAL 41, LAKESHORE 35

LAKESHORE (35)
Ben Brower 5 0-1 10, Ja'Kobe Young 2 0-2 4, Dylan Clem 0 7-12 7, JJ Bushu 5 1-2 11, Jonathan Worsham 1 0-0 2, Ben Anderson 0 1-2 1. Totals: 13 9-19 35.

PORTAGE CENTRAL (41)
Grant Pikkart 2 0-0 5, Hunter Young 4 4-4 15, Alex Bowman 1 1-2 3, Luke Leto 4 3-4 13, Ryan Dorff 2 0-0 5. Totals: 13 8-10 41.

Lakeshore	**8**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**— 35**
P. Central	**3**	**13**	**14**	**11**	**— 41**

3-point goals – Lakeshore 0, Portage Central 7 (Young 3, Leto 2, Pikkart, Dorff). Total fouls – Lakeshore 10, Portage Central 15. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none. Rebounds – Lakeshore 29 (Young 9), Portage Central 25 (Pikkart 8, Leto 7).
Records – Lakeshore 4-1 SMAC West, 10-1; Portage Central 5-0, 10-0.

Ford looks to stop Chiefs year after blunder harmed them

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — Dee Ford's blunder cost Kansas City a trip to the Super Bowl a year ago.

Now Ford has another chance to deny the Chiefs a championship when he faces them with the San Francisco 49ers.

Ford's five-year tenure in Kansas City came to a disappointing finish last season in the AFC championship game against New England. With the Chiefs leading by four points and about a minute to play, Ford made the mistake of lining up in the neutral zone.

That proved especially costly when Tom Brady threw an interception to Charvarius Ward on the play. But instead of the Chiefs running out the clock and celebrating an AFC championship, the Patriots drove to the go-ahead score and eventually won 37-31 in overtime.

"It's in a compartment of all the bad plays which you have done," Ford said. "At the end of the day, it's something that happened. I was on the short end of the stick. I got over it. I got over it and I had to get back to work. That's all I could do."

Instead of getting back to work with the Chiefs, Ford found a new home. Kansas City dealt him to San Francisco for a 2020 second-round pick after using the franchise tag on him. The Niners rewarded him with a five-year, $85 million contract.

The Chiefs replaced Ford with Frank Clark and now the teams will square off for a championship that was so close for Kansas City last year.

Clark called Ford's mistake "inexcusable" earlier this postseason, a description Ford didn't dispute. But the Chiefs don't put all the blame on their former player.

"We came up short last year," coach Andy Reid said. "It kind of fell on Dee, but it wasn't Dee at all. It was all of us were 4 inches short. And everybody took that responsibility to heart."

The Niners were the big beneficiaries as Ford was a big piece in the team's rebuild that has transformed them from 4-12 to the Super Bowl in one season.

Bolstering the pass rush was the top offseason priority and the additions of Ford and No. 2 overall draft pick Nick Bosa have turned a struggling unit into one of the

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Wilfredo Lee / AP

San Francisco 49ers defensive end Dee Ford (55) warms up during practice Thursday.

NBA All-Stars to wear Kobe's No. 24 and Gianna's No. 2

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

The NBA's All-Stars will be playing this year with Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant in their minds and on their jerseys.

So, coming soon: No. 24 Giannis Antetokounmpo, and No. 2, LeBron James.

As part of what will be a long series of tributes to Bryant and his daughter Gianna, the NBA announced Friday that every player on Team Giannis will wear 24 on their jerseys at this year's All-Star Game and every player on Team LeBron will wear 2.

Kobe Bryant spent the last 10 seasons of his career in a No. 24 jersey. Gianna Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter and an outstanding young player, wore No. 2 on her jersey.

All players taking part in All-Star weekend – including the Rising Stars game Feb. 14 and the Saturday night events such as the 3-point contest, slam dunk contest and skills competition – will wear a patch with nine stars to commemorate the nine victims of Sunday's helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.

The patches for Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 will also bear the numbers 2 and 24. The patches for the All-Star Game will be slightly different, showing only the nine stars since players will already be wearing the numbers.

The decision means that almost every All-Star is assured of wearing a different number than usual. The only All-Star who regularly wears 2 or 24 is Kawhi Leonard, who dons No. 2 for the Los Angeles Clippers.

Antetokounmpo and James, the captains for the Feb. 16 game in Chicago, will pick their teams this coming Thursday. "It's been a rough week because of Kobe," said first-time All-Star Bam Adebayo of the Miami Heat – who never met Bryant, but was a huge fan and was hoping to meet him at All-Star this year. "Just going through that, it's been rough."

The plan for the jersey numbers is the second known Bryant-related tribute scheduled for this year's All-Star Game. The NBA has changed the format and will add 24 – Bryant's last number – to whatever the leading team score is after three quarters to set a target score. The first team to hit that target score wins the game.

The patches will pay tribute to John, Keri and Alyssa Altobelli; Sarah and Payton Chester, Christina Mauser and Ara Zobayan, in addition to the Bryants. The group was on its way to a basketball tournament where Gianna Bryant was scheduled to be playing when the helicopter they were traveling in crashed. There were no survivors.

Jersey-related tributes have been many in the days since the crash. Connecticut's women's basketball team displayed a No. 2 jersey for Gianna Bryant – she was a big UConn fan and hoped to play there one day – on its bench for a game earlier this week against the

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IN BRIEF

Michigan reinstates Simpson after 1-game suspension

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan point guard Zavier Simpson has been reinstated after he was suspended one game for an unspecified violation of team rules.

Simpson missed Michigan's win at Nebraska on Tuesday night but is set to play Saturday against No. 25 Rutgers at New York's Madison Square Garden.

"I am looking forward to moving on from this," coach Juwan Howard said in a statement. "Anything further will continue to be handled within."

The Nebraska game was the first Simpson had missed in his Michigan career, snapping a streak of 135 in a row. The senior averages 12.8 points and 8.3 assists per game.

3-time All-Star Granderson retires after 16 seasons

MIAMI (AP) — Three-time All-Star outfielder Curtis Granderson announced his retirement Friday after 16 seasons in the major leagues.

Granderson played for seven teams. He was an All-Star for the Detroit Tigers in 2009, and for the New York Yankees in 2011 and 2012.

In 2011, he led the majors with 136 runs and led the American League with 119 RBIs while hitting 41 homers. In 2007 with Detroit, he became only the third player to collect at least 30 doubles, 20 triples, 20 homers and 20 steals in a season.

Last year Granderson batted .183 in 138 games for the Miami Marlins. He also played for Toronto, Milwaukee, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets, totaling 344 career homers and 937 RBIs while batting .249.

Granderson, who has a children's foundation and has long been active in community work, said he'll continue to bring baseball to in-need youngsters.

"As I reflect on my career, I realize that not much has changed since those early days in little league," Granderson said in a statement. "My parents and family are still my greatest fans, and they impart the same message today that they did back then: Give back, never forget to enjoy the ride, and don't think; have fun."

Doncic, Young lead list for Rising Stars game at All-Star

CHICAGO (AP) — All-Star starters Luka Doncic of Dallas and Trae Young of Atlanta headlined the list of players released Friday to participate in the Rising Stars game at All-Star weekend in Chicago.

Also on the list: likely rookie of the year frontrunner Ja Morant of Memphis, and No. 1 overall draft pick Zion Williamson of New Orleans.

The format has 10 first- and second-year players from the U.S. on one team, against 10 first- and second-year players from other nations.

Doncic leads the World team, joined by Nickeil Alexander-Walker of New Orleans, Deandre Ayton of Phoenix, RJ Barrett of New York, Brandon Clarke of Memphis, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander of Oklahoma City, Rui Hachimura and Moritz Wagner of Washington, Svi Mykhailiuk of Detroit and Josh Okogie of Minnesota.

Joining Young, Morant and Williamson on the U.S. team are Miles Bridges, PJ Washington and Devonte' Graham of Charlotte, Wendell Carter Jr. of Chicago, Tyler Herro and Kendrick Nunn of Miami, Jaren Jackson Jr. of Memphis and Eric Paschall of Golden State.

Wheelchair basketball faces exclusion from Paralympics

BONN, Germany (AP) — Wheelchair basketball was removed from the 2024 Paralympics program on Friday, and could be cut from the upcoming Tokyo Paralympics as well.

The International Paralympic Committee and the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation are in a dispute about how players are graded and which ones should be eligible to compete.

The sport is open to a wide range of disabled athletes with rules requiring teams to include people with impairments of different severity.

The IPC wants to reassess some wheelchair basketball players hoping to compete at the Tokyo Paralympics and block any it considers ineligible. The 2024 Paralympic Games will be in Paris, and the ruling could still be reversed.

"We appreciate that wheelchair basketball is one of the most popular sports at the Paralympic Games, but this does not mean that the IWBF is above the rules," IPC president Andrew Parsons said in a statement.

Djokovic, the 'King of Australia,' faces Thiem in Open final

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Dominic Thiem knows what it's like to make it all the way through the rigors of a half-dozen best-of-five-set matches across two weeks in order to reach a Grand Slam final – only to run into that particular tournament's greatest champion.

It's happening to Thiem at the Australian Open, where he will face defending champion Novak Djokovic for the title on Sunday.

Just like it happened to Thiem at the French Open, where he was the runner-up to Rafael Nadal each of the past two years.

Djokovic already owns a record seven trophies from the hard courts of Melbourne Park. So far, he is a combined 15-0 in semifinals and finals in Rod Laver Arena.

"It's absolutely his comfort zone here," Thiem said.

Nadal has been even more prolific on the red clay of Roland Garros, going 24-0 in the last two rounds en route to his 12 championships there.

Nadal is known as the "King of Clay," so Thiem joked after beating No. 7 seed Alexander Zverev 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4) in the semifinals Friday night that Djokovic is the "King of Australia," then added: "I'm always facing the kings of a certain Grand Slam in the final."

Also at stake for Djokovic on Sunday will be a 17th Grand Slam trophy overall, which would push him closer to the two men he is chasing: Nadal with 19, and record-holder Roger Federer with 20.

In addition to his haul from here, Djokovic's major championship collection already includes five from Wimbledon, three at the U.S. Open and one from the French Open.

Djokovic won his semifinal against Federer in straight sets Thursday night, so he gets an extra day of rest before facing Thiem.

"It gives me more time to recuperate and gather all the necessary energy for the finals," Djokovic said.

As if he needs the help.

Aside from his track record over the years in Australia, Djokovic also can point to his more recent success: 16 consecutive sets have gone his way.

"He's a great, great player. We know that," Federer said. "He makes you hit balls. He serves well, he returns well, he moves well. He's mentally very tough."

Expect lots of lengthy points between the No. 2-seeded Djokovic and No. 5-seeded Thiem.

Both are baseline bashers and tireless ball-retrievers. Djokovic's return is superior. Thiem is better at the net.

Djokovic leads the head-to-head series 6-4, but Thiem has won four of their past five meetings, including the most recent, at the ATP Finals in November.

"I have to risk a lot. I have to go for many shots. At the same time, of course, not too much. That's a very thin line," Thiem said. "In the last match against him, I hit that line perfectly."

Both seem to have a preternatural ability to come through in the clutch.

Think of Djokovic's two championship points saved against Federer at Wimbledon last year. Consider Thiem's performance in heart-in-the-throat tiebreakers in his last two matches: 3 for 3 against Nadal in the quarterfinals, then 2 for 2 against Zverev.

"Definitely one of the best players in the world. Deserves to be where he is," Djokovic said. "It seems like he's improved his game a lot on hard courts, because his game is more suitable to the slower surfaces. The clay, of course, being his favorite surface."

It's true that Thiem never had been past the fourth round in Melbourne until now. And he's only once been as far as a quarterfinal, at the U.S. Open.

But he has been getting better and better on outdoor hard courts, including confidence-boosting titles at Beijing and Indian Wells (beating Federer in the final) in 2019.

"He definitely has the game. He has the experience now. He has the strength. He has all the means to really be there," said the 32-year-old Djokovic, who is 6 years older than Thiem. "He has improved in the last 12 months playing on the hard courts, without a doubt, and the results are showing that."

This can be viewed as a matchup between a member of the old guard – The Big Three of Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have won 12 majors in a row, and 55 of the past 66 – and one of the group of 20-somethings trying to finally get a bite at the apple.

AIRWAVES

Television today

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Leicester City FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
8:00 a.m. (ESPN2) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Women's Championship. (Same-day Tape) CC
9:00 a.m. (46) **High School Football**
(Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Morocco Champions, Final Round. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** Mainz 05 vs FC Bayern Munich. (Live) CC
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs Southampton FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Xavier at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
12:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Indiana at Ohio State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Ole Miss at LSU. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Georgia Tech at Notre Dame. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Creighton at Villanova. (Live) CC
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester United FC vs Wolverhampton Wanderers FC. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Connecticut at Memphis. (Live) CC
(17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Wisconsin. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** Rutgers at Michigan. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **Pro Bowl Skills Showdown** (Taped)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Louisville at NC State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas State at West Virginia. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** DePaul at Marquette. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Providence at Butler. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Evansville. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round. (Live) CC
(5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** ISU European Championships. (Taped)
(7) (13) (41) (57) **College Basketball** Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Texas Tech at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** TCU at Baylor. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Florida State at Virginia Tech. (Live)
4:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Rutgers vs Michigan. (Live) CC
(FS1) **PBA Bowling** Greater Jonesboro Open. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** Fordham at Dayton. (Live)
5:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **FIS Snowboarding** Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix: Halfpipe Finals. (Taped)
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at Auburn. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Houston at Cincinnati. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **Boxing** Yordenis Ugas vs. Mike Dallas Jr. - Prelims. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Basketball** St. Louis at Saint Joseph's. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Nebraska. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** New York Rangers at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (50) **AHL Hockey** Manitoba Moose at Chicago Wolves. (Live)
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at Syracuse. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Bradley at Loyola-Chicago. (Live)
(FS1) **Boxing** Yordenis Ugas vs. Mike Dallas Jr. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Arizona Coyotes. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Oakland. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Purdue at Northwestern. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Saint Mary's (Calif.) at BYU. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Colorado at USC. (Live) CC
3:30 a.m. (ESPN) **2020 Australian Open Tennis** Men's Championship. (Live) CC
4:30 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Saudi International, Final Round. (Live)

Sunday

8:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Burnley FC vs Arsenal FC. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** FC Koln vs SC Freiburg. (Live) CC
11:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Tottenham Hotspur FC vs Manchester City FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Iowa at Michigan. (Live) CC
12:30 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NHL Hockey** Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Detroit Pistons. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Georgetown at St. John's. (Live) CC
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Tennessee at South Carolina. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Illinois at Iowa. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** New Orleans Pelicans at Houston Rockets. (Live) CC
(Bigten) **Women's College Gymnastics** Illinois at Maryland. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **Women's College Basketball** United States at Louisville. Exhibition. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **PGA Tour Golf** Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round. (Live) CC
(5) (8) (16) **FIS Snowboarding** Land Rover U.S. Grand Prix: Slopestyle Finals. (Taped)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Rutgers at Minnesota. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Utah at UCLA. (Live) CC
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at Toronto Raptors. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** U.S. Championships: Skating Spectacular. (Taped) CC
(Bigten) **College Wrestling** Wisconsin at Purdue. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **Women's College Gymnastics** Auburn at Georgia. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **Super Bowl LIV** San Francisco 49ers vs Kansas City Chiefs. (Live) CC

Monday

6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Indiana at Purdue. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** North Carolina at Florida State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Oregon at Connecticut. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (NBCSCH) (NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Michigan State at Maryland. (Live) CC
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Memphis Grizzlies. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **2020 CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Championship** United States vs Costa Rica. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Texas at Kansas. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Baylor at Kansas State. (Live)

Radio today

1 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan State at Wisconsin (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
4:30 p.m.
College basketball — Rutgers at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
8:15 p.m.
High school basketball — Benton Harbor at Ypsilanti Lincoln (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Sunday

6:30 p.m.
NFL — Super Bowl, 49ers vs. Chiefs (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

Monday

7:15 p.m.
Girls high school basketball — Buchanan at Michigan Lutheran (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

HOMETOWN HEROES

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Lakeshore eighth-grader Cohen Hurdle won the 3-point contest at the Lions Club middle school basketball tournament held on Jan. 25 at St. Joseph High School.

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Lakeshore's sixth grade boys basketball team won the Mid-American Division of the Lions Club middle school tournament held on Jan. 25 at St. Joseph High School. Front row, from left: Garrett Thomas (22), Carter Sprung (30), Ben Neidlinger (4), Ethan Thomas (2), Casey Harris (23). Back row, from left: assistant coach Andy Sprung, Garrett Zech (10), Grant Chase (11), Jaxon Nicholson (3), Eli Neidlinger (1), Brayden Holok (33), head coach Jordan Harris.

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Lakeshore's seventh-grade boys basketball team won the Big East Division of the Lions Club middle school tournament held on Jan. 25 at St. Joseph High School. Front row, from left: Brady Harris (2), Jordyn Morris (12), Lane Frye (34), Brady Blasko (24). Back row, from left: coach Aaron Toothman, Alex Toothman, Jackson Sladen-York (9), Owen Timmons (30), Jake DenDooven (28), Kieran O'Donnell (35), coach Nate Timmons. Not pictured: Caleb Steinke, Avery Kyncl.

Photo provided

Benton Harbor's eighth grade boys basketball team won the Big Ten Division of the Lions Club middle school tournament held on Jan. 25 at St. Joseph High School. Front row, from left: Julius Watkins (35), John McCoy (21), Damarien Bell (11), Avontae Tasker (13). Back row, from left: coach Justin Woodley, Mustapha Muhammad (5), Odarmon Bell (3), Javon Mason (15), Jaeden Meeks, Antwan Callahan (1), Josiah King (23), Rodney Ford (25), coach Justin Williams, coach Tony Williams.

Ames shoots 69 to lead in Morocco

MARRAKECH, Morocco (AP) — Stephen Ames shot a 3-under 69 on Friday to take a three-stroke lead into the final round of the PGA Tour Champions' Morocco Champions.

Ames had a 12-under 132 total at Samanah Golf Club in the senior tour's first event in Africa.

He matched the course record with a 63 on Thursday for a four-stroke lead.

The 55-year-old naturalized Canadian citizen from Trinidad won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric in 2017 for his lone senior title. He won four times on the PGA Tour.

Hall of Famers Bernhard Langer and Jose Maria Olazabal were tied for second with Brett Quigley. Langer and Olazabal each shot 68, with Olazabal making a hole-in-one with a 3-iron on the 208-yard 17th hole.

Quigley, making his second Champions start, had a 66.

Defending Charles Schwab Cup champion Scott McCarron shot 65 to get to 8 under.

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St. Joseph's Joshua Terry shoots over Portage Northern's Anthony Tyus III during the first half of Friday night's game at St. Joseph High School.

BEARS

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Joseph 15-6 in the fourth and was 8 of 13 from the free-throw line in the quarter.

"For most of the game, we battled and did a lot of positive things," St. Joseph boys coach Gregg Schaffer said. "We were in a position to win the game down the stretch and that's why they pulled out the game and we didn't."

Brennen Kerns got off to a hot start for the Bears, scoring six points in the first quarter, including a four-point play. But Kerns didn't score again and finished with six points, tied with Griffin Shinrock and Jeremiah Sterling for the most on the team.

"I thought we did a good job of finding each other in the paint area," Schaffer said. "There were stretches where we created openings to the post with the pass or the drive and those were the things that worked best for us tonight. We have to build off of that."

Kareem Williams led Portage Northern with 11 points while Tyler Amos and Jaleel Williams added nine apiece.

Friday's loss is St. Joseph's fourth in a row. The Bears will try to right the ship next Friday at rival Lakeshore.

"We have to keep working and stay together," Schaeffer said. "We have to respond better when the game is on the line. When that happens, we'll start winning games."

The St. Joseph girls dominated the game from start to finish without the services of key player Symone King, who did not play due to injury. The Bears outscored the Huskies 13-1 in the first quarter and took a 20-6 lead into halftime.

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St. Joseph's Avery Blomgren drives around Portage Northern's Jordan Wesaw during Friday night's game.

The Bears came out of halftime focused on offense. A Cailynn Junk basket pushed St. Joseph's lead to 32-9 in the third quarter. Maya Hunter sunk the team's lone 3-pointer pushed the Bears' lead to 48-13 in the fourth quarter. The Bears led by as many as 37.

St. Joseph may have been without King, but the frontcourt stepped up and delivered. Karly Klaer (13 points), Junk (12 points), and Alex Malone (11 points) combined to score 36 of the team's 52 points.

With a win in tow, the Bears remain undefeated in SMAC West play. St. Joseph will have a week to prepare for its game at rival Lakeshore at 5:45 p.m. Friday.

ST. JOSEPH 52,
PORTAGE NORTHERN 15

ST. JOSEPH (52)
Karly Klaer 6 1-3 13, Cailynn Junk 5 2-6 12, Alex Malone 4 3-4 11, Avery Blomgren 1 4-6 6, Leah Barlow 2 1-3 5, Maya Hunter 1 0-0 3, Alyssa Krenek 1 0-0 2, Eleah Hedstrom 0 0-2 0. Totals: 20 11-24 52.

PORTAGE NORTHERN (15)
Allison French 2 0-2 6, Sara Bruns 1 1-4 3, Jordan Wesaw 1 0-0 2, Addison Bobbio 1 0-0 2, Sydney Swinehart 1 0-0 2. Totals: 6 1-6 15.

St. Joseph	**13**	**7**	**14**	**18**	**— 52**
P Northern	**1**	**2**	**6**	**6**	**— 15**

3-point goals – Portage Northern 2 (French 2), St. Joseph 1 (Hunter). Total fouls – Portage Northern 19, St. Joseph 9. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – St. Joseph 6-0 SMAC West, 9-5 Portage Northern 0-6 SMAC West, 3-10.

PORTAGE NORTHERN 43,
ST. JOSEPH 35

PORTAGE NORTHERN (43)
Kareem Williams 4 0-0 11, Tyler Amos 3 2-4 9, Jaleel Williams 3 1-2 9, Nate Mason 2 3-7 7, Anthony Tyus 1 2-2 4, Jeff Wilson 1 0-2 2, Cane Mack 0 1-2 1. Totals: 14 9-19 43.

ST. JOSEPH (35)
Jeremiah Sterling 3 0-2 6, Griffin Shinrock 3 0-0 6, 2 1-1 6, Conner Wright 2 0-0 4, Luke Hedstrom 1 0-0 3, Josh Terry 1 1-2 3, Grant Hardy 1 1-2 3, Nick Borre 1 0-0 2, Andy Blomgren 1 0-0 2. Totals: 15 3-7 35.

Portage Northern	**8**	**16**	**4**	**15**	**– 43**
St. Joseph	**10**	**12**	**7**	**6**	**– 35**

3-point goals – Portage Northern 6 (K. Williams 3, J. Williams 2, Amos), St. Joseph 2 (Hedstrom, Kerns). Total fouls – St. Joseph 15, Portage Northern 10. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – St. Joseph (Borre).
Records – Portage Northern 2-3 SMAC West, 5-5 St. Joseph 2-3 SMAC West, 3-9.

J.B. Holmes shoots 65 to take 1-shot lead in Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — J.B. Holmes roared through the fan-packed closing stretch at TPC Scottsdale on his opening nine Friday, then grabbed the lead on the mellower side of golf's biggest party.

Six months after a final-round collapse and slow-play controversy at the British Open, Holmes took a one-stroke lead into the weekend at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. He shot a 6-under 65, a day after making a hole-in-one in an opening 64.

In July at Royal Portrush, Holmes had a share of the second-round lead with winner Shane Lowry, then shot 69-87 to tie for 67th. The setback spoiled an otherwise successful season highlighted by an early victory at Riviera.

The 37-year-old from Kentucky got away from the game during the offseason, playing only two rounds in four months leading into the new year.

He shook off the rust at Kapalua and got back in form last week at Torrey Pines with a tie for 16th.

Holmes played a five-hole stretch on his first nine in 5 under with birdies on the par-5 13th and 15th and par-3 16th, and an eagle on the short par-4 17th.

He made a 16-footer from the back fringe on the stadium 16th, then drove to 6 1/2 to set up the eagle on the 319-yard 17th.

He bogeyed the par-4 18th and took the lead from Wyndham Clark with birdies on the par-4 first and par-5 third. Holmes chipped in for birdie on the par-4 sixth and gave back the stroke on the par-4 ninth after hitting into a greenside bunker.

Holmes won at TPC Scottsdale in 2006 and 2008 for the first of his five PGA Tour titles.

Clark was second, following a career-best 61 with a 69. He finished with birdies on 17 and 18.

Bill Horschel was third at 11 under after rounds of 63 and 68. He eagled No. 3 for the second straight day.

High school scoreboard

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BRANDYWINE 56, BERRIEN SPRINGS 20

BERRIEN SPRINGS (20)
Zoe Dortch 1 0-0 2, Hillary Dortch 3 0-0 7, Miracle Love 1 0-0 2, Taneya Shivers 1 1-2 3, Emma Tyson 2 2-2 6. Totals: 8 3-4 20.
BRANDYWINE (56)
Zakiyyah Abdullah 5 1-2 13, Malikiyyah Abdullah 4 0-0 12, Megan Schmidt 4 2-2 13, Kennedy Byrd 2 4-6 9, Alexis Rhodes 4 1-4 9, Bethany Duval 0 0-1 0. Totals: 19 8-15 56.

B. Springs	6	2	6	6	—	20
Brandywine	15	17	21	3	—	56

3-point goals – Berrien Springs 1 (H. Dortch), Brandywine 10 (M. Abdullah 4, Schmidt 3, Z. Abdullah 2, Byrd). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 15, Brandywine 10. Fouled out – none.
Records – Berrien Springs 2-4 BCS Red, 4-9; Brandywine 6-0, 13-0.

DECATUR 42, WHITE PIGEON 35

WHITE PIGEON (35)
Rainie Atherton 1 2-4 4, Claycee West 8 1-2 20, Lauren Dressler 2 0-0 5, Reyna Fielis 2 0-0 5, Melissa Hayden 0 1-2 1. Totals: 13 4-8 35.
DECATUR (42)
Regan Rose 5 8-10 21, Dani Confer 5 0-0 10, Morgan Hall 1 0-4 2, Leah Baushke 1 0-1 2, Jania Green 3 1-1 7. Totals: 15 9-16 42.

W.Pigeon	6	8	4	17	—	35
Decatur	10	8	8	16	—	42

3-point goals – White Pigeon 5 (West 3, Dressler, Fielis); Decatur 3 (Rose). Total fouls – White Pigeon 13, Decatur 9. Fouled out – none. Technical fouls – none.
Records – White Pigeon 7-3 SW 10, 8-4 ; Decatur 7-3, 10-3.

CENTREVILLE 50, HARTFORD 38

Hartford scorers — Jaelyne Galvan 9, Megan Nelson 7, Alexis Snodgrass 7.
Records – Hartford 5-5 SW 10, 7-5; Centreville 9-0, 12-0.
Complete results unavailable

NILES 58, MATTAWAN 43

NILES (58)
Davies 4 0-0 8; Palmer 3 3-6 10; A. Patterson 10 7-8 30; Skarbek 1 0-0 3; Rauch 0 1-2 1; Warrren 2 2-4 6. Totals: 20 11-18 58.
MATTAWAN (43)
Macon 2 0-0 5; Owens 1 1-2 4; Martinic 2 0-0 5; Vines 2 1-2 6; Rinpson 4 0-3 8; Pirbhai 3 0-0 6; Douglass 4 1-2 9. Totals: 18 3-9 43.

Niles	21	15	9	13	–	58
Mattawan	8	10	8	17	–	43

3-point goals – Niles 5 (A. Patterson 3, Palmer, Skarbek), Mattawan 4 (Macon, Owens, Rupp, Martinic, Vines). Total fouls – Mattawan 15, Niles 13. Fouled out – None. Technical Fouls – None.
Records – Niles 4-2 SMAC West, 7-5; Mattawan 2-4 SMAC West, 6-7.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BRANDYWINE 72, BERRIEN SPRINGS 49

BERRIEN SPRINGS (49)
James York 2 0-0 5, Byron Tate 2 0-0 4, Jackson Glanzer 6 6-9 18, Lucus Rindfield 1 0-0 2, Marshall McFarland 1 0-1 2, Aiden Rindfield 2 0-0 6, Jamal Hailey 1 1-2 3, Josiah Pittman 1 0-0 2, Anthony Latin 0 1-2 1, Zeb Bodtke 1 0-0 2, Antwan Davis 1 1-3 3, Kevin Blaylock 0 1-2 1. Totals: 18 10-19 49.
BRANDYWINE (72)
Jaelen Briggs 3 3-4 9, Shane Brown 4 1-7 9, Caleb Byrd 3 2-3 8, Gabe Gouin 3 2-2 8, Tim Walker 1 0-0 2, Carson Knapp 0 0-2 0, Ragjit Gorja 0 1-2 1, Bryce Taberski 1 0-0 2, Cam Barrier 1 0-2 2, Jordan Abrams 4 2-5 12, Kendall Chrismon 6 7-8 19. Totals: 26 18-35 72.

B. Springs	14	8	13	14	—	49
Brandywine	11	15	29	17	—	72

3-point goals – Berrien Springs 3 (A. Rindfield, York), Brandywine 2 (Abrams 2). Total fouls – Berrien Springs 26, Brandywine 17. Fouled out – Blaylock (BSp). Technical fouls – Blaylock (BSp), Berrien Springs bench, Brandywine bench.
Records – Berrien Springs 0-5 BCS Red, 4-7; Brandywine 4-1, 10-1.

MARCELLUS 69, EAU CLAIRE 56

EAU CLAIRE (56)
M. Hackney 8 4-4 23, T. Murphy 2 0-1 4, K. Taylor 1 1-1 3, D. Travis 5 6-8 16, D. Evans 2 0-4 4, D. Holmes 3 0-1 6. Totals: 21 11-23 56.
MARCELLUS (69)
Etter 5 3-5 16, Stafne 8 1-1 19, Shelton 4 3-3 11, Sumners 1 1-3 3, Liansdale 3 0-3 6, Vantilburg 1 0-0 3, Ferguson 4 3-4 11. Totals: 26 11-19 69.

Eau Claire	5	14	15	22	—	56
Marcellus	17	12	23	17	—	69

3-point goals – Eau Claire 3 (Hackney 3), Marcellus 6 (Etter 3, Stafne 2, Vantilburg). Total fouls – Eau Claire 18, Marcellus 16. Fouled out – Stafne (M). Technical fouls – none.
Records – Eau Claire 4-6 SW 10, 5-6; Marcellus 8-1, 9-2.

NEW BUFFALO 67, COUNTRYSIDE 49

COUNTRYSIDE (49)
Charles Booker 4 0-4 8, Lamarian Gordon 4 0-0 8, Jamere Matlock 2 5-9 9, Victor Norris 1 1-2 3, Sam Rollins 2 0-1 4, Elisha Smith 1 0-0 3, Terrance Allen 1 1-2 4, Jeffry Brown 1 2-2 4, J. Powell 2 1-2 6. Totals: 18 10-23 49.
NEW BUFFALO (67)
Nate Tripp 3 1-3 8, Kaden Parmley 9 9-10 27, Markvell Shaw 3 4-4 11, Cole Haskins 0 2-2 2, Anthony Lijewski 2 2-2 6, Ryan Vinson 6 1-3 13. Totals: 23 19-24 67.

Countryside	6	8	12	23	—	49
New Buffalo	14	13	15	25	—	67

3-point goals – Countryside 3 (Smith, Allen, Powell), New Buffalo 2 (Tripp, Shaw). Total fouls – Countryside 17, New Buffalo 17. Fouled out – none. Rebounds – Countryside 29 (Allen 6), New Buffalo 41 (Tripp 13, Vinson 10).
Records – Countryside 3-5 BCS White, 3-6; New Buffalo 6-1, 6-5.

RIVER VALLEY 53, HOWARDSVILLE CHRISTIAN 30

River Valley — Lennon Lange 18 points, six rebounds; Matthew Schmidt 15 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists; Wil Korbel 11 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists.
Howardsville Christian – Josh Rose 16 points.

R. Valley	20	12	18	13	—	53
Howardsville	5	13	6	6	—	30

Records – River Valley 8-0 BCS White, 10-2; Howardsville 5-3, 6-5.

WHITE PIGEON 60, DECATUR 54

DECATUR (54)
Ben Cerven 5 2-2 13, Hunter Slavings 2 2-4 6, Colin Warkentien 7 2-3 18, Matt Allett 1 2-2 4, Ethan Makowski 2 0-0 4, Jake Mroczek 4 1-1 9. Totals: 21 9-12 54.
WHITE PIGEON (60)
Dylan Carper 3 2-2 11, Chris Jackson 8 2-6 18, Stone Kemp 5 2-3 12, Lee Murphy 2 2-4 7, Daniel Jackson 5 0-0 12. Totals: 23 8-15 60.

Decatur	7	14	13	20	—	54
W. Pigeon	17	11	18	14	—	60

3-point goals – Decatur 3 (Warkentien 2, Cerven), White Pigeon 6 (Carper 3, Bontrager 2, Murphy). Total Fouls – Decatur 12, White Pigeon 12. Technical foul – Decatur bench.
Records: Decatur 2-7 SW 10, 3-8; White Pigeon 5-4, 5-5.

LAWRENCE 56, COVERT 13

Lawrence scorer — Bol Bak 12.
Records – Lawrence 4-4 BCS White, 5-8; Covert 0-9, 0-11.
Complete results unavailable

CENTREVILLE 66, HARTFORD 62

Hartford – Elijah Rodarte 19 points, Aaron Sinclair 18 points, Kaden Johnson 13 points.
Complete results unavailable

4 safeties vying for Hall of Fame spot, 3 WRs and OLs

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — There are 11 pure safeties in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Four more are seeking to join them when the Class of 2020 is selected Saturday.

John Lynch, now the general manager of the 49ers who will play the Chiefs in Sunday's Super Bowl, is up for the seventh time. Steve Atwater is a finalist for the third time. LeRoy Butler and first-year eligible Troy Polamalu complete the quartet of safeties among the 15 final candidates.

"The Hall of Fame would be unbelievable. I'm humbled every year," Lynch says. "I've been a finalist seven times now. I don't know if it will necessarily change my life. I've been pretty blessed with my family, what I've been able to do in football. I've heard other people say that, and then they go in and say it's like happening. You never know until you're in there what it means to you.

"It would be tremendous. I'd be incredibly humbled and honored. Hopefully this is the year on Saturday."

Butler, who starred for the Packers from 1990-2001, has had the longest wait to get to this point.

Butler won a Super Bowl for Green Bay, which had a quarterback named Brett Favre – a first-ballot Hall of Famer – leading the way.

Favre is adamant about Butler also deserving enshrinement.

"LeRoy was as important to our Super Bowl win and success as any other player on our team," Favre says. "I couldn't tell you the interceptions or tackles – I know there were a lot – but his leadership and playmaking ability were outstanding. He had a knack for being in the right place at the right time. Being around the ball.

"He wasn't the most athletic guy and that might surprise a lot of people, but he was so instinctive. He made the plays; some guys get in position and don't make the plays. He had a lot of charisma about him – he was the first to jump into the stands. That's no reason to put a guy into the Hall of Fame, but the career he had definitely is worthy."

Atwater was one of the hardest hitters at the position, an intimidating figure against the run but also a force in pass coverage. He played for a decade with Denver, winning two Super Bowls, then one year with the Jets.

Polamalu was a do-everything safety for the Steelers from 2003-14 and the 2010 NFL Defensive Player of the Year – the last safety to earn the award. He was a four-time All-Pro known for his freelancing playmaking.

The finalists from the defensive side also include lineman Richard Seymour and Bryant Young, linebackers Sam Mills and Zach Thomas.

On offense, the candidates are receivers Isaac Bruce, Torry Holt and Reggie Wayne; linemen Steve Hutchinson, Alan Faneca and Tony Boselli; and running back Reggie Wayne.

"I feel like the closer we get to that day, the butterflies are going to start kicking in," Wayne said on SiriusXM NFL Radio. "I'm just enjoying the wave, excited to be in this position. I know being a receiver this isn't the easy lock-in spot for the Hall of Fame."

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
WED. 6:30 A.M. MIXED – Milton McGee 739, Nate Schuman 723, Matt Hendrixson 707, Gavin Rosenthal 684, Mark Pullins 669, Linda 523, Michele Briney 494. Team score: 3 Men + A Lady 2448.
MILLER LADIES – Alanna Swetay 669 (258), Gladys Hunter 559 (233), Vanessa Brigham 524, Denise Clark 519 (212), Dianna Evans 509 (209). Team score: Swetay/Swetay 1,152 (425).
LAKESHORE LANES
DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL – Dave Matheny 808 (289), Jason Utter 728 (280), Reuben Morlock 714 (279), Chris Quardokus 699 (246), Jerry Knowles 694 (247), Billy Hendrixson 677 (257), Bill Cox 670 (246), Kevin Narregan 669 (236), Paul Vance 655 (232), Kevin Beckman 655 (225), Corey Fister 648 (256). Team score: Simple Computer Repair 2,854 (984).
STARLIGHTERS – Gina Gitchell 556 (205). Tom Wise 550 (200), Kevin Huebner 544 (245), Karen Zawacki 537, Kimball Dickenson 500, Laura Sokol. Team score: It's Legal 1,094 (424).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Girls basketball
Lake Michigan Catholic at Michigan Lutheran, 5
Boys basketball
Lakeshore at South Bend Adams, 4
Lake Michigan Catholic at Michigan Lutheran, 6:30
Redhawk Showcase at GR Union
Benton Harbor vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 8:15
Wrestling
Greater Berrien County Invite at St. Joseph, 9
Boys swimming
St. Joseph at Allegan Inv., 9
Competitive cheer
St. Joseph at Kalamazoo Central Inv., TBA
Coloma at SAC Championship, 4
Dowagiac at Sturgis Inv., 10
College basketball
Grand Rapids CC at LMC women, 1
Grand Rapids CC at LMC men, 3
Sunday, Feb. 2
Bowling
Coloma at Sturgis Inv. (Sturgis Bowl), 9

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Friday's boys scores
Adrian Madison 40, Clinton 27
Allen Park 54, Lincoln Park 50
Battle Creek St. Philip 55, Burr Oak 23
Bedford 51, Monroe 43
Bellaire 46, Indian River-Inland Lakes 45
Benzie Central 73, Suttons Bay 68
Birmingham Brother Rice 64, Warren De La Salle 50
Birmingham Seaholm 51, Auburn Hills Avondale 32
Boyne Falls 55, Alba 39
Brethren 55, Mesick 54
Byron Center 59, Hudsonville Unity Christian 57
Cadillac 67, Gaylord 46
Canton 51, Salem 34
Centreville 62, Hartford 58
Clare 42, Shepherd 33
Clarkston 67, West Bloomfield 54
Clarkston Everest Collegiate 61, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 48
Coldwater 76, Hastings 56
Coleman 63, Carson City-Crystal 43
Concord 69, Bronson 50
Constantine 46, Lawton 31
Creative Technology Academy 63, Wyoming West Michigan Lutheran 36
Croswell-Lexington 45, Almont 32
DeWitt 51, Flint Powers 44
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 50, Melvindale 36
Detroit Community 53, Detroit University Science 41
Detroit Jalen Rose 59, Pontiac A&T 52
Detroit Old Redford 78, Detroit Osborn 76
Detroit U-D Jesuit 71, Detroit Catholic Central 56
Dexter 58, Chelsea 45
Dowagiac Union 57, Sturgis 51
East Grand Rapids 55, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 33
East Jordan 69, Grayling 45
East Lansing 78, Lansing Waverly 23
Ecorse 70, Harper Woods 62
Edwardsburg 51, Three Rivers 30
Essexville Garber 49, Saginaw Swan Valley 36
Fair Haven-Anchor Bay 48, Warren Fitzgerald HS 18
Fennville 50, Watervliet 48
Fife Lake Forest Area 81, Central Lake 74
Flat Rock 44, Milan 36
Flint International 49, Dryden 34
Frankenmuth 53, Standish-Sterling 37
Frankfort 51, Leland 45
Fruitport 70, Muskegon Mona Shores 64
Goodrich 68, Owosso 29
Grand Blanc 63, Flint Carman-Ainsworth 56
Grand Haven 44, Jenison 42
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 61, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 51
Grant 75, Stanton Central Montcalm 51
Hale 77, Hillman 41
Hanover-Horton 78, Manchester 24
Hartland 49, Plymouth 48
Hemlock 78, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 50
Hillsdale Academy 92, Jackson Christian 49
Holland Christian 76, Hamilton 58
Holton 59, Hesperia 19
Hudsonville 68, Grandville 48
Imlay City 54, North Branch 42
Ionia 51, Portland 32
Kalamazoo Christian 51, Kalamazoo Hackett 42
Kent City 68, White Cloud 48
Laingsburg 56, Bath 41
Lansing Eastern 59, Fowlerville 57
Lansing Everett 80, Holt 68
Leslie 65, Olivet 42
Livingston Christian 64, Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 43
Macomb Dakota 66, Utica Eisenhower 32
Madison Heights 61, Marysville 29
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 59, Royal Oak Shrine 58
Marcellus 69, Eau Claire 56
Marine City Cardinal Mooney 61, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 47
Mattawan 39, Niles 37
Mayville 43, Peck 34
Menominee 82, Gladstone 68
Merritt Academy 59, Burton St. Thomas More 54
Midland 42, Midland Dow 33
Midland Bullock Creek 49, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 45
Millington 65, Ithaca 50
Morley-Stanwood 74, Lakeview 60
Munising 67, North Central 31
Muskegon Heights 64, Manistee 49
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer 66, Grand Rapids Union 51
Negaunee 53, Manistique 41
New Boston Huron 51, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 33
New Haven 63, Romeo 49
New Lothrop 53, Otisville Lakeville 44
Newaygo 51, Remus Chippewa Hills 38
Norway 44, West Iron County 36
Okemos 52, Grand Ledge 43
Ovid-Elsie 59, Durand 29
Pellston 66, Onaway 54
Perry 48, Lake Odessa Lakewood 43
Petoskey 62, Traverse City West 55
Plainwell 57, Paw Paw 50
Port Huron 59, Madison Heights 46
Portage Northern 43, St. Joseph 38
Rapid River 75, Eben Junction Superior Central 21
Redford Thurston 80, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 71
Redford Union 56, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 33
Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 57, Whitmore Lake 45
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 51, Oxford 42
Rogers City 71, Whittemore-Prescott 27
Saginaw Heritage 68, Bay City John Glenn 61
Saugatuck 67, Gobles 56
Schoolcraft 76, Vicksburg 31
South Lyon 84, Waterford Kettering 68
Southfield Christian 86, Livonia Clarenceville 40
Spring Lake 70, Sparta 56
St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 44, Utica 42
Stockbridge 69, Vermontville Maple Valley 41
Swartz Creek 52, Fenton 47
Taylor Trillium Academy 67, Melvindale Academy for Business And Tech 51
Traverse City St. Francis 42, Charlevoix 33
Troy 55, Rochester Adams 53
Ubly 55, Marlette 53
Utica Ford 71, Warren Mott 69
Vestaburg 65, Blanchard Montabella 48
Wakefield-Marenisco Gogebic 66, L'Anse 46
Warren Woods Tower 65, Sterling Heights 56
Waterford Mott 76, Milford 37
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 76, Brighton Charyl Stockwell 67
Westland John Glenn 60, Dearborn Fordson 21
White Lake Lakeland 59, Walled Lake Central 45
Williamston 74, St. Johns 49
Wolverine 70, Mackinaw City 40
Wyandotte Roosevelt 65, Southgate Anderson 42
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 54, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 31
Zeeland East 86, Holland 62

Friday's girls scores
Ann Arbor Huron 47, Ann Arbor Pioneer 39
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 35, Dearborn Advanced Technology 31
Battle Creek Harper Creek 40, Marshall 37
Battle Creek Lakeview 35, Battle Creek Central 33
Battle Creek Pennfield 40, Jackson Lumen Christi 34
Bedford 60, Monroe 22
Berkley 49, Oak Park 43
Big Rapids 63, Howard City Tri-County 45
Blissfield 57, Hudson 24
Bloomfield Hills Marian 49, Macomb Lutheran North 25
Bloomfield Hills Roeper 29, Ann Arbor Central Academy 24
Bloomingdale 61, Bangor 24
Boyne City 57, Kalkaska 32
Bridgeport 56, Alma 55
Brighton 38, Northville 22
Byron 38, Chesaning 32, OT
Byron Center 46, Hudsonville Unity Christian 31
Canton 43, Salem 38
Carrollton 31, St. Louis 27
Cedar Springs 42, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 22
Centreville 50, Hartford 38
Charlevoix 47, Traverse City St. Francis 34
Chelsea 40, Dexter 23
Clarkston 68, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 44
Coldwater 56, Hastings 41
Comstock 42, Parchment 27
Comstock Park 54, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 49
Concord 60, Bronson 55
Constantine 56, Lawton 17
Cooks Big Bay de Noc 58, Beaver Island 25
Croswell-Lexington 51, Almont 31
Dearborn 41, Livonia Stevenson 35
Dearborn Heights Annapolis 56, Redford Thurston 36
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 45, Melvindale 29
Dearborn Heights Robichaud 38, Redford Union 36
Decatur 42, White Pigeon 35
Delton Kellogg 46, Galesburg-Augusta 34
Dryden 62, Flint International 14
Dundee 46, Erie-Mason 35
East Grand Rapids 72, Middleville Thornapple Kellogg 53
East Jordan 52, Grayling 43
East Kentwood 65, Caledonia 22
East Lansing 78, Lansing Waverly 23
Eaton Rapids 61, Lansing Sexton 26
Edwardsburg 56, Three Rivers 32
Farmington Hills Mercy 55, Dearborn Divine Child 48
Fennville 51, Watervliet 50
Ferndale 40, Pontiac 32
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 64, Grand Blanc 44
Flint Hamady 72, Burton Bendle 5
Flushing 50, Flint Kearsley 40
Fowlerville 44, Lansing Eastern 36
Fremont 41, Reed City 19
Fruitport Calvary Christian 42, Wyoming Potter's House Christian 38
Gobles 43, Saugatuck 33
Goodrich 63, Owosso 21
Grand Rapids Covenant Christian 70, Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 38
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 30, Grand Rapids Northview 20
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 37, Greenville 17
Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 42, Belding 28
Grand Rapids West Catholic 68, Coopersville 35
Grandville Calvin Christian 50, Wyoming Lee 5
Harper Woods 58, Taylor Prep 35
Hemlock 65, Saginaw Valley Lutheran 33
Hesperia 47, Holton 30
Hillsdale 59, Brooklyn Columbia Central 21
Holland Black River 52, Grand Rapids Wellspring 34
Holland Christian 50, Hamilton 27
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Midland Dow 52, Midland 33
Montague 51, Mason County Central 25
Montrose 60, Mount Morris 22
Morley-Stanwood 58, Lakeview 21
Morrice 54, Flint Beecher 35
Mount Pleasant 45, Bay City Central 33
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Niles Brandywine 56, Berrien Springs 20
North Farmington 53, Troy Athens 48
Oakridge High School 61, Shelby 53
Okemos 50, Grand Ledge 39
Ortonville Brandon 42, Clio 24
Otsego 56, South Haven 22
Ovid-Elsie 51, Durand 29
Parma Western 61, Jackson Northwest 58, OT
Perry 53, Lake Odessa Lakewood 32
Pontiac A&T 34, Detroit Jalen Rose 26
Port Huron 52, Utica Ford 40
Portage Central 57, Stevensville Lakeshore 27
Portland 48, Ionia 24
Quincy 52, Reading 27
Rochester 46, Birmingham Seaholm 37
Rochester Adams 46, Lake Orion 31
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Romulus 44, Garden City 37
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Saginaw Swan Valley 52, Essexville Garber 40
Sault Ste Marie 78, Traverse City West 27
Schoolcraft 55, Vicksburg 29
Southgate Anderson 32, Wyandotte Roosevelt 29
Sparta 54, Spring Lake 46
St. Joseph 52, Portage Northern 15
Standish-Sterling 49, Frankenmuth 48, OT
Stanton Central Montcalm 46, Grant 38
Stockbridge 51, Vermontville Maple Valley 35
Sturgis 47, Dowagiac Union 25
Swartz Creek 52, Fenton 47
Tecumseh 56, Adrian 18
Troy 46, Oxford 38
Union City 67, Springport 8
Walled Lake Central 28, White Lake Lakeland 18
Walled Lake Western 55, Walled Lake Northern 32
Waterford Mott 54, Milford 48
West Bloomfield 71, Birmingham Groves 20
Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 60, Brighton Charyl Stockwell 15
Westwood 58, Ishpeming 30
Williamston 43, St. Johns 30
Wyoming 56, Ada Forest Hills Eastern 27
Yale 49, Richmond 8
Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory 60, South Lyon East 47
Zeeland East 62, Holland 30

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	35	14	.714	—
Boston	32	15	.681	2
Phila.	31	18	.633	4
Brooklyn	21	26	.447	13
New York	13	36	.265	22
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	32	15	.681	—
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½
Washington	16	31	.340	16
Charlotte	16	32	.333	16½
Atlanta	13	36	.265	20
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	41	7	.854	—
Indiana	31	17	.646	10
Chicago	19	32	.373	23½
Detroit	17	33	.340	25
Cleveland	13	36	.265	28½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	30	18	.625	—
Dallas	29	19	.604	1
Memphis	24	25	.490	6½
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8½
New Orleans	20	29	.408	10½
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Denver	34	15	.694	—
Utah	32	16	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	5
Portland	21	27	.438	12½
Minnesota	15	32	.319	18
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	33	15	.688	4
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½
Sacramento	18	30	.375	19
Golden State	10	39	.204	27½

Thursday's Games
Washington 121, Charlotte 107
Toronto 115, Cleveland 109
Atlanta 127, Phila. 117
Boston 119, Golden State 104
Sacramento 124, L.A. Clippers 103
Denver 106, Utah 100
Friday's Games
Toronto 105, Detroit 92
Brooklyn 133, Chicago 118
Houston 128, Dallas 121
New Orleans 139, Memphis 111
Denver 127, Milwaukee 115
Oklahoma City at Phoenix
Portland at L.A. Lakers
Saturday's Games
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Phila. at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Denver at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Monday's Games
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phila. at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	52	30	10	12	72	171	136
Tampa Bay	50	30	15	5	65	181	142
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183	163
Toronto	51	27	17	7	61	186	170
Montreal	52	23	22	7	53	160	162
Buffalo	51	22	22	7	51	148	160
Ottawa	51	18	24	9	45	141	174
Detroit	52	12	36	4	28	111	203
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Washington	52	35	12	5	75	190	154
Pittsburgh	51	32	14	5	69	172	139
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143	132
Columbus	51	27	16	8	62	138	130
Carolina	51	29	19	3	61	162	136
Philadelphia	51	27	17	7	61	161	154
N.Y. Rangers	49	24	21	4	52	162	161
New Jersey	50	18	24	8	44	135	182

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	51	31	12	8	70	164	141
Colorado	49	28	15	6	62	179	143
Dallas	50	28	18	4	60	131	127
Nashville	50	24	19	7	55	169	168
Chicago	51	24	21	6	54	155	161
Winnipeg	52	25	23	4	54	153	162
Minnesota	50	23	21	6	52	156	166
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	51	29	18	4	62	170	152
Calgary	52	27	19	6	60	143	155
Vegas	53	26	20	7	59	165	162
Edmonton	50	26	18	6	58	158	157
Arizona	53	26	21	6	58	150	145
San Jose	52	22	26	4	48	136	174
Anaheim	50	20	25	5	45	128	156
Los Angeles	52	19	28	5	43	130	164

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Thursday's Games
Montreal 3, Buffalo 1
Nashville 6, New Jersey 5, SO
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2, OT
Friday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
N.Y. Rangers 4, Detroit 2
Washington 5, Ottawa 3
Vegas 4, Carolina 3
Boston 2, Winnipeg 1
St. Louis at Edmonton
Tampa Bay at Anaheim
Saturday's Games
Columbus at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 2 p.m.
Monday's Games
Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

NFL

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Claimed INF Pat Valaika off waivers from Arizona.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Jordy Mercer on a minor league contact.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed RHP Yoshihisa Hirano to a one-year contract. Designated LHP Ricardo Sánchez for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with INF Matt Duffy and RHP Derek Law on minor league contracts.

ALL-STARS

From page C1

U.S. national team. Hockey star Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals took the ice this week in a No. 24 jersey as a Bryant tribute; Ovechkin usually wears No. 8, the number Bryant used in his first 10 years with the Lakers.

A number of NBA players have announced that they will no longer wear 8 or 24 in tribute. All-Star Joel Embiid of Philadelphia decided played in a No. 24 jersey instead of his usual No. 21 earlier this week, his way of showing respect to Bryant. Atlanta All-Star Trae Young, who idolized Bryant, started a game in a No. 8 jersey on Sunday before switching back to his usual No. 11.

Bryant is the No. 4 scorer in NBA history and was an 18-time All-Star after a 20-year career, all with the Los Angeles Lakers. He started 15 of those All-Star Games, a record that will be passed this year when James starts his 16th.

Bryant – still the youngest All-Star in league history – was All-Star MVP four times, tying Bob Pettit for the most ever. Bryant's 38 career All-Star steals are another game record.

FORD

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league's most feared.

The Niners finished tied for fifth in the league with 48 sacks and sixth with 27 takeaways a year after having only 37 sacks and generating a record-low seven takeaways.

"When you've got a guy like Dee Ford who possesses the speed he does off the edge, it creates so much space for the guys inside," defensive coordinator Robert Saleh said.

"Whenever you've got a guy outside that can create the space where you get a true one-on-one where they can't get a hand on you, there's no makeshift double-team. It just makes everybody on the defensive line better. It kind of unlocks everything. He's a major asset. That's why he's one of the best in football. That's why he was sought after his last season."

Ford dealt with injuries during the regular season and finished with only 6 1/2 sacks while playing only four snaps over the final six games.

But he returned from the hamstring injury in the playoffs and had a sack against the Vikings in the divisional round. He's ready to do even more against his old teammates, who know how dangerous his speed can be.

"Going up against him in practice was terrible," Chiefs left tackle Eric Fisher said. "He's so quick and so fast. It's always a tough matchup. You always hoped he'd go to the other side."

San Francisco's pressure rate jumps from 22.7 percent when Ford isn't on the field to 34.2 percent when he is playing, according to NFL NextGen stats, a sign of his importance.

The Niners figure to move Ford around on Sunday and they have even used him inside against guards in the playoffs, giving offenses a different look with Bosa and Ford lined up next to each other.

"I like to think offensive linemen, they're creatures of habit, so when they see the same guy over and over and over again, they can really get comfortable in knowing how to set against a certain person," defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said.

"But when you change it up and you put somebody different standing up, somebody like Dee, over a guard, they kind of freeze up, and they're like, 'Oh, I haven't seen this guy all day.' Dee is so fast that he can get on the edge real quick in that tiny space. Just being able to change it up, change up the looks against all the offensive linemen, being able to move guys around is really effective."

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The 'in your face' fishing method

By BOB GWIZDZ
Special to the Record-Eagle

GRAND RAPIDS — We'd fished, with spawn bag and beads (and sometimes both) under bobbers for a couple of hours on the Grand River with nothing to show for it when Denny Bouwens, changed strategies.

"I'm going old school on you guys," he said as he re-rigged with just a spawn bag, took off the bobber, and began walking it downstream. Not two minutes later he hit a fish, a fine chrome steelhead that would have scared the heck out of, if nor surpassed, double digits. He brought it to the boat and George Reigel slipped the net under it.

Just a few minutes later, Reigel, who was still using a bobber, hooked into a fish, too, and we landed that one as well. So I gave him that "what gives?" look and he explained.

"I'm dragging it," he said, explaining that he'd moved the bobber up the line far enough that the bead was as on the bottom as if he hadn't had a float on the line at all.

"Sometimes that's the way they want it," he said. "Typically, when they're at the back of the run – and that's where we are – that's how they want it. It's a game of inches in the winter time.

"In the fall and spring, they'll come a long way to get something," he continued. "But in the winter you've got to put it right in their face."

So, not needing to be hit over the head to get the point, I did the same thing; I ran the bobber well up my line so the leader was well longer than the depth, and let it more or less bounce downstream. Bingo. I hooked up, too. A nice chrome hen.

We went from 0-for-hours to three-for-three in a matter of minutes, by slowing way down and keeping our baits (both beads and spawn bag produced) dragging on the bottom.

It was a cold, but above-freezing day, right before the last Arctic front arrived. We'd gone to the Grand River on a whim; Bouwens, with whom I've been fishing a few days a year for about 15 of them now, typically fishes the Muskegon River for steelhead, but he'd been struggling there lately and said he just had a seat-of-the-pants feeling that the Grand would be better this day. And though I have no idea what was going on the Muskegon that day, the guys on the Grand were catching them. Seemed like every boat we'd talked to – and there were a good number of them – had caught at least a couple.

Fishing continued to be pretty good for us; although we only landed about half the fish we hooked, we wound up putting eight steelhead in the boat, fishing anywhere from four to 14 feet of water, and we were off the water by early afternoon. Both spawn bags and beads produced, but Reigel hit more fish than any of us using nothing but beads, and big ones at that.

"I like those bigger

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Photo provided / Lynn Basselman

A dark-eyed Junco, with traces of Oregon race, seen on Jan. 24

Dark-eyed juncos of two types appear in winter

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The dark-eyed junco is an abundant winter sparrow in Southwest Michigan, turning up at feeders, yards and hedgerows between October and April.

The dark-eyed junco has a wide distribution across North America which includes several races, formerly regarded as one species until 1973. The slate-colored race of the dark-eyed junco occurs in eastern North America and accounts for the vast majority of sightings in Southwest Michigan.

Occasionally the western, Oregon race turns up at local feeders, as was the case last week at the home of Lynn Basselman of Royalton Township. The Oregon race is identified by the rusty brown back and sides contracting with the gray head.

The two races commonly intermix, which is why they are considered sub-species as opposed to separate full-fledged species. This interbreeding causes variations of plumage, which is the case in both the Basselman picture and the photo of another Oregon race Junco taken by Joanie Gentry. The juncos in these photos have both Oregon and slate-colored race traits.

Common to all races of the dark-eyed junco are the white belly and white outer tail feathers. The tail feathers are distinctive when the bird is in flight.

In the summer months, the dark-eyed junco inhabits the coniferous forests and mixed coniferous-deciduous forests of Canada south to the northern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Juncos are ground nesters, and build the nests near the edges of the forest.

We see the dark-eyed junco during migration and winter months spanning from October through April. They are present but hard to find in May, and by early June through August they are generally absent from Southwest Michigan.

Readers should be listening around dusk and sunrise for great horned owls, which are currently gearing up for the 2020 nesting season. Listen for a series of deep hooting calls made by both the female and male. The female usually calls first, followed shortly by the male which sounds a bit lower in tone.

In the southern half of the Lower Peninsula, great horned owls may begin egg-laying as early as February. Preferred habitat of the great horned owl is woodlands interspersed with open areas such as farmland or subdivisions.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com

Photo provided / Joanie Gentry

An Oregon race dark-eyed junco seen in April 2018 in Bridgman.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A dark-eyed junco of the slate-colored race on Christmas Day 2018.

Warren Dunes State Park

Volunteer stewardship workdays: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday in February. Meet at the picnic ground between the park headquarters and the campground. Volunteers will help remove invasive plants from dune areas. No experience is necessary, volunteers will be trained to identify target species.

Sarett Nature Center

Owl prowl: 6 p.m. Feb. 8. Join director Nate Fuller to learn about owls at Sarett. Learn own calls and look and listen for owls on the property. Call 927-4832 to register. Cost is $5 for non-members, members and children free.

Junior naturalist: 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 15. A club for kids ages 7-12 who are really interested in nature. Find out what it means to be a Sarett naturalist, learn about the animals of Sarett, and do projects. Other meetings March 21, April 18 and May 23. Cost is $6 per session. Call 927-4832 to register. Membership is required.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Edible horticulture: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 22. Featuring presentations on sustainable food systems, cooking and eating more roughage, kitchen container gardening, home winemaking, and whole plant-based eating. Cost is $60 ($8 for members) and includes lunch and a packet of organic seeds. Register by Feb. 15. Call 695-6491 for more information.

Berrien County Sportsman's Club

Trap and skeet shooting: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 8 a.m.-5 p.m second Saturday of each month. Cost is $105. Call Andrew Zachary at 351-2051 or 944-7802.

Trap shooting: Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m.-noon.

Archery: Ranges open for members at any time; public hours are 8 a.m.-noon Sundays and Thursdays 6-10.

Breakfast: Breakfast is available from 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday. For more information, go online to www.coloma-rodandgunclub.com.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

Carrying concealed weapon classes: 6-10 p.m. Feb. 6; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 8. Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 4. Saturday class features an attorney or police officer to speak and answer questions, an NRA course, personal protection in the home, and three hours of range time with one-on-one supervision. Cost is $100. Call 468-3837 to register.

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Amtrak to North Dakota for perch and walleye

Dave Mull

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. – Back in the mid-1990s, I wrote a short article for Field & Stream Magazine about the wintertime Perch Express, which was a packaged train-ride, ice-fishing deal put together by a guide on Devils Lake in North Dakota. People climbed aboard Amtrak's Empire Builder in Chicago and got off at Devils Lake to ice fish, mainly for the giant yellow perch for which the lake was becoming famous.

I wanted to go, but never found the time back then. The trip stayed on my bucket list until this week.

The Devils Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau teamed with ice-gear maker Clam Outdoors and invited several outdoor media folks for a couple of days of ice fishing. All we had to do was get there. Although the Perch Express package ceased to exist about four years ago, I was still set on taking Amtrak.

Then I ordered my ticket – and my Amtrak itinerary looked positively brutal. It called for about 21 hours of travel starting in Kalamazoo on Sunday morning at 9:30, changing trains in Chicago, and ending with my arrival in Devils Lake the next morning at 6:02. The return trip, as I write this Thursday afternoon, is scheduled to start in about eight hours at 11:37 p.m. and get me back to Kalamazoo shortly before 9 p.m. Friday night. The round-trip ticket cost $290.

Although on paper this trip looked simply awful, looks can be deceiving. The trip to the town of Devils Lake was thoroughly pleasant and relaxing. For one, Amtrak has seating with lots of leg room on the upper deck of its passenger cars. The seats recline way back and an extension slides out from underneath the seat pad to support your

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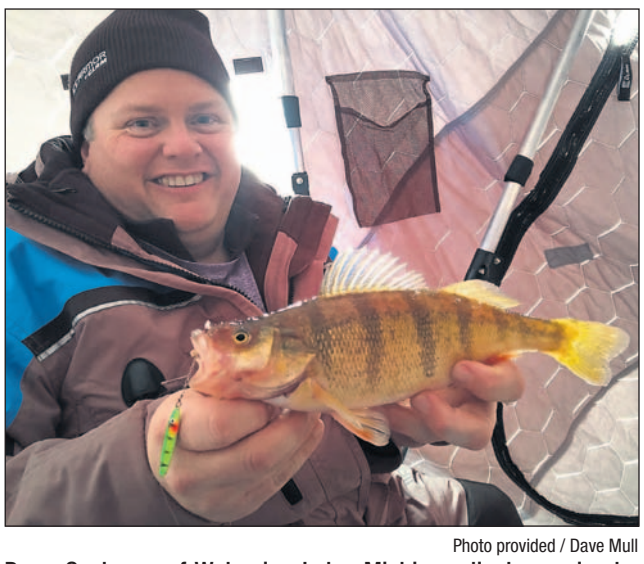

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Dean Cushman of Wolverine Lake, Michigan displays a jumbo perch he caught on a Hali Jig on Tuesday on North Dakota's Devils Lake.

Michigan proposal could place more requirements on hunting, fishing guides

By JOE DANDRON
Capital News Service

LANSING — Commercial hunting and fishing guides in Michigan would have to be certified, licensed and have liability insurance and first aid training under a bill backed by the state's major hunting group.

"Michigan currently has nothing set in law to regulate our commercial hunting and fishing guides," bill sponsor Rep. Gary Howell, R-North Branch, said in a statement. "The idea for this bill was brought forth by Michigan's major hunting and conservation organizations."

The bill, co-sponsored by Rep. Sara Cambensy, D-Marquette, and Rep. Julie Calley, R-Portland, would require people to obtain a license to act as a commercial hunting guide. They would need to be certified in CPR and first aid and covered by commercial liability insurance with limits not less than $300,000 per claim. Requirements in the bill would not apply to those guiding on privately owned land. "I think a lot of people are guiding on private land," said Sarah Cummins, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policy and regulations unit manager in the Wildlife Division. "The bill is a good idea. When people are making financial gain on public resources, there should be some restrictions."

Vaughn McDaniel, who guides turkey and deer hunts in Ottawa and Charlevoix conties, said the legislation is a good idea.

He was alarmed on an elk hunt when the guide he had hired was willing to break "up to three gun laws," he said. That guide told him and his wife to get in his truck while carrying loaded and uncased guns.

McDaniel ended the trip early, not returning the following day. Other guides agree that the current requirements to become a guide are too weak.

"I think it's a joke," said Rick Pyles, a guide based in Fostoria in Tuscola County who hunts for bears. "You should have CPR certification and liability insurance. I do, in case someone tries to sue me.

"If I want to get a guide license, it's the same as if I want to set up a lemonade stand on state land."

SKI REPORT

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Michigan

Bittersweet – Wed 8:56 am MG machine groomed 15 – 20 base 20 of 20 trails 100 percent open, 7 of 12 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-10p; Fri: 10a-10:30p Sat: 9a-10:30p; Sun: 9a-9p

Swiss Valley – Wed 3:46 pm variable machine groomed 14 – 14 base 8 of 11 trails 73 percent open, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 10a-9:30p; Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-7p

Timber Ridge – Wed 3:48 pm MG machine groomed 12 – 12 base 7 of 16 trails 44 percent open, 2 of 9 lifts, Tue/Wed: 10a-9p; Thu/Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-7p; Open Tue-Sun

Alpine Valley – Wed 3:23 pm MG machine groomed 12 – 18 base 19 of 25 trails 76 percent open, 8 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

Big Powderhorn – Wed 2:26 pm MG machine groomed 30 – 60 base 39 of 44 trails 89 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Big Snow Resort – Wed 8:12 am MG machine groomed 35 – 60 base 53 of 56 trails 95 percent open, 11 of 15 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p

Boyne Highlands – Wed 8:58 am MG machine groomed 48 – 48 base 48 of 55 trails 87 percent open, 430 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p, Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9-4:30p

Boyne Mountain – Wed 9:02 am MG machine groomed 42 – 42 base 50 of 60 trails 83 percent open, 323 acres, 7 of 12 lifts, Mon/Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-4:30p

Caberfae Peaks – Wed 9:03 am MG machine groomed 58 – 58 base 34 of 34 trails 100 percent open, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon: 10a-5p; Tue-Thu: 10a-8p; Fri: 10a-10p Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: 9a-8p

Cannonsburg – Wed 3:33 pm variable machine groomed 48 – 48 base 9 of 22 trails 41 percent open, 3 of 10 lifts, Mon: 4p-9p; Tue-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 10a-9p

Crystal Mountain – Wed 7:12 am MG machine groomed 48 – 56 base 58 of 58 trails 100 percent open, 98 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat/Sun: 9a-9p

Marquette – Wed 3:36 pm packed powder machine groomed 18 – 18 base 19 of 27 trails 70 percent open, 4 of 4 lifts, Tue-Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 10a-8p; Sun: 10a-5p Open Tue-Sun

Mont Ripley – Wed 8:53 am MG machine groomed 56 – 56 base 21 of 24 trails 88 percent open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Thu: 3p-9p; Fri: 1p-9p; Sat/Sun: 10a-5p

Mount Bohemia – Wed 8:55 am variable 34 – 34 base 106 of 106 trails 100 percent open, 620 acres, 2 of 2 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-5p

Mt Brighton – Wed 10:18 am 1 new MG machine groomed 31 – 31 base 20 of 25 trails 80 percent open, 100 acres, 7 of 13 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-8p

Mt Holiday – Wed 8:57 am MG machine groomed 12 – 12 base 6 of 12 trails 50 percent open, 3 of 4 lifts, Tue-Thu: 4p-8p; Fri: 4p-9p; Sat: 10a-9p Sun: 11a-7p; Open Tue-Sun

Mt Holly – Wed 3:40 pm MG machine groomed 20 – 36 base 20 of 20 trails 100 percent open, 9 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

Mulligans Hollow – Operating, no details

Nubs Nob – Wed 7:55 am MG machine groomed 24 – 48 base 53 of 53 trails 100 percent open, 6 of 10 lifts, Mon, Wed/Thu: 9a-9p; Tue: 9a-4:30p Fri: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sat: 9a-4:30p/6p-10p; Sun: 9a-4:30p

Otsego Resort – Wed 8:45 am MG machine groomed 24 – 36 base 27 of 30 trails 90 percent open, 5 of 6 lifts, Wed/Thu: 3:30p-8:30p; Fri: 12-8:30p; Sat: 9a-8:30p Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun

Pine Knob – Wed 9:03 am MG machine groomed 24 – 24 base 16 of 17 trails 94 percent open, 9 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 10ap-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-9p

Pine Mountain – Wed 7:06 am MG machine groomed 48 – 180 base 33 of 33 trails 100 percent open, 3 of 5 lifts, Mon/Thu: 10a-4p; Fri: 10a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Mon

Shanty Creek – Wed 9:06 am packed powder machine groomed 60 – 60 base 43 of 43 trails 100 percent open, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Tue: 9a-4:30p; Wed-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-4:30p

Ski Brule – Wed 2:38 pm MG machine groomed 48 – 56 base 17 of 17 trails 100 percent open, 150 acres, 8 of 12 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Fri: 4:30-7:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Sat: 4:30-7:30p

Snow Snake – Operating, no details Mon-Thu: 3p-9p Fri: 10a-9p; Sat: 10a-9p; Sun: 10a-5p

Treetops – Wed 9:43 pm MG machine groomed 20 – 35 base 23 of 23 trails 100 percent open, 80 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Thu: 4p-8p; Fri: 9a-9p; Sat: 9a-9p Sun: 9a-5p; Open Thu-Sun

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beads," he said, "And even more so in the winter time. They see a highlighted version of what they like to eat and they open up their mouths because it's worth it to them. A typical salmon egg is about eight millimeters. I'm using 12 to 14 millimeter beads because they stick out to the fish."

Reigel also repaints his beads, highlighting them with different colors.

"It might be the subtle difference in the color of the beads that's doing it," he said. "And it's something different than what everybody else is using – something they haven't seen."

For his part, Bouwens said the Grand is quite possibly the best steelhead river in the state, but it can be difficult to fish because the water conditions must be right. And often they are not.

"The Grand can be pretty dependable when water conditions set up properly," Bouwens said. "It can be predictable and consistent if you cover enough water and there's a lot of it downstream from Grand Rapids.

"It's a big river, not just a tail-water fishery like the Muskegon. It's got a huge watershed, so it can get blown out easily when the water's high. You get two inches of rain in Lansing and the river gets blown out for a week. Or more. You've got to take everything – the water level, the water clarity, and the ice and slush – into consideration when you fish the Grand. And when they're all right, you've got to go."

Bouwens said he believes there are more fish moving up the Grand than any other river.

"They're in all the tribs, like the Rogue, Prairie Creek, all the tribs all the way up to Lansing. There are a ton of fish moving through the Grand."

That's pretty much always been the case. On any given day there are at least a handful of guys fishing from the walls directly below the Sixth Street dam, and they are generally catching fish. It makes you wonder exactly what those folks who want to change the river and build a kayak course downstream from the dam are thinking. This is one of the best – perhaps the single best – urban steelhead fisheries in the country. Why anyone would want to jeopardize that to create an artificial paddling course simply boggles the mind.

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legs. I slept well for about six hours before I awoke an hour before the train was due to arrive in Devils Lake. Believe it or not, the train arrived at exactly 6:02 a.m., too.

My friend, Michigan writer, TV host and charter captain Dean Cushman, had arrived via airplane into Grand Forks the day before and rented a truck. Dean offered to pick me up at the train station, which was nice as apparently there is no Uber in this town of just 7,000 permanent residents. When we got to the Cobblestone Hotel and Suites, a room was ready for me to occupy at 7 a.m. Talk about accommodating.

Hopefully the return trip will be as genteel as the trip out. Last Sunday afternoon, the conductor took dinner reservations for the dining car, and I made mine for 7:15 p.m. When the time came, I was seated with three fellow travelers, and had one of the most entertaining and informative dinner conversations ever. Enough about Amtrak. What about the fishing at Devils Lake?

Next week's column will offer more details, but suffice to say, my time on the ice did nothing to improve my reputation of not catching many fish through a hole. Tuesday, our first day of fishing, we drove a convoy of a Jeep and several pickup trucks out on the lake and set up five portable Clam shelters of different shapes and sizes. We were over 17 feet of water about two miles from shore. I had a two-person, insulated shanty to myself at first and I almost immediately caught a small walleye on a Clam Jointed Pin Minnow sweetened with a minnow head on its treble hook. About two hours later I caught another one. Both were about 11 inches long – but fat from gorging on the abundant freshwater shrimp in this big lake. Those two little walleyes were all I could muster the first day, although other members in the group, fishing nearby and even in the same shelter, caught more. Of course they did.

The second day was even more frustrating. We all had Vexilar electronic flashers that allowed us to see where our baits were in relationship to the bottom. These multi-color flashers also showed fish as thick, red bands on the round sonar screen as they approached our baits. Again, we first targeted walleyes in the early morning darkness in 15 feet of water. This time we fished from roomy, hard-sided fish-houses with floors, folding chairs and propane heaters courtesy of Woodland Resort. After a few small walleyes, we moved to another fish house over 45-foot depths to try to catch perch.

My shelter mate, Minnesota writer Roy Heilman, caught four dandy perch while I just watched these red bands on the screen apparently sniffing my bait before fading away. After hours of this, raising and lowering my bait, jiggling it about nine hundred different ways to see if anything could make these fish bite, I did finally catch two big perch. By then it was time to head back to the hotel.

Next week I'll discuss some lessons learned about ice fishing, driving vehicles on ice, reading a flasher and working baits. I'll also talk about what makes this 160,000-acre lake and the little town on its shore a great year-round vacation destination.

Although I caught just four fish in two days after 21 hours worth of Amtrak travel, with an equally long return trip starting this evening, the Devils Lake experience was worth it. I wouldn't hesitate to do it again.

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Show love and gratitude for others in February

Alexandra Newman
Let's Celebrate

If you're reading this and it's still breakfast-time, go to your freezer and get out some ice cream.

Now, procure a spoon, sit down, and you're ready to read on.

Today is National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day.

The day was created in the 1960s when Florence Rappaport of New York created Ice Cream for Breakfast Day as a way to chase away cabin fever for her six children due to a winter storm that had blown through the area, according to National Day Calendar.

The day caught on and spread. It's now celebrated each first Saturday of February.

If you're making a dish to share while watching the Super Bowl tomorrow night, might I suggest something involving tater tots?

Feb. 2 is National Tater Tot Day.

Tater tots, meaning baby potatoes, were invented in the early '50s by Ore-Ida. The national day was created in 2009, by food blogger John Bryan Hopkins.

His website, foodimentary.com, celebrates each food-related national holiday.

Feb. 4 might be a good day to leave a treat for your mail carrier. The day is National Thank a Mail Carrier Day.

Those folks brave all sorts of weather to get us important information, goodies we ordered and even junk we didn't ask for. The least we can do is show them our thanks once a year.

The next day is something I had to share out loud in the newsroom as soon as I read it: Feb. 5 is National Shower with a Friend Day.

Yes, you heard me. Invite over a pal and conserve some water together. An environmentally friendly water bottle/filter company based in Colorado created this day in 2014.

Combining the thankfulness, mail and the friendship of the last two holidays, on Feb. 7, send a card to a friend for National Send a Card to a Friend Day.

Feb. 11 is another day that is all about friendship and caring. It's both National Make a Friend Day and National Shut-In Visitation Day.

Several area organizations, like Meals on Wheels, work to bring food and supplies to shut-ins or seniors with limited ability to leave their home. Find out how you can get involved that day, and you might make a new friend.

While we all know Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, it's also National Ferris Wheel Day and National Organ Donor Day.

It's probably too cold to ride a Ferris wheel, but you could look into ways to save lives.

That could be by donating blood, being an organ donor or signing up to be a bone marrow donor. The Health page in each Friday's HP has a listing of blood drives.

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The doctor will see you now

Lori Borgman

I was coaxed into getting a physical the other day. I hadn't planned on a physical, but the grands had setup an elaborate city in the basement and needed patients for the clinic.

I was met by a "nurse practitioner" at the front desk. She immediately asked for my insurance card. The kid's been to the doctor a time or two.

Then I had to verify my name and address. I've been her grandmother for her entire life, but whatever.

She did a pre-screening asking if I had any aches or pains.

"From my head to my toes," I said.

She laughed. I laughed, too. Say that at a real doctor's office and you're off to see a specialist.

She asked if I was on any medications.

"Chocolate," I said.

With the screening completed, I was sent to see the doctor, which meant crawling between two chairs and into a makeshift tent. The doctor was wearing a white coat and had a blue plastic stethoscope dangling around her neck.

"How are your internal organs?" she asked with a straight face.

"They're all good except when they hit the wrong notes."

She rolled her eyes.

"Do you have dizzy spells?" she asked.

"No, not unless I stand up," I said.

She pursed her lips and said, "I'll take that as a yes."

She took my blood pressure with a cuff wrapped around my wrist – it was too small for an adult arm. She said my blood pressure was 40/10. I was good with that.

She scanned my forehead with a plastic thermometer and said I had no fever. Just as I was about to crawl out of the clinic, she announced I needed a shot.

That's when a huge geodome-like contraption made of long plastic poles and colored balls began lumbering across the basement. Three of them maneuvered it to the "clinic." The doctor busted out a side wall of the tent so she could use one of the poles.

"What's that for?" I asked.

"Anesthesia."

"Why do I need anesthesia?"

"Because we're going to give you a shot."

"Why give anesthesia when it's not surgery and just a shot?"

She pressed the end of a pole against my arm and said, "Well, if we give you anesthesia then we won't have to listen to you scream when we give you the shot."

When I checked out, they said I owed $300. I didn't

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Photos by Lexi Browning / St. Louis Post-Dispatch / TNS

Kylie Beutler, at left, 14, searches for a video while chatting with Elke Hinderliter, 10, as she edits an animated video at St. Louis Sudbury School.

At Sudbury School, the students make the rules

By BLYTHE BERNHARD
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Zane Reding, 7, and Kylie Beutler, 14, play a game of Life at St. Louis Sudbury School.

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo. — The school has no textbooks. No grades, classes nor curriculum. And most surprisingly, no teachers.

At St. Louis Sudbury School, students rule.

In a Sudbury school, students spend their time however they wish. They are responsible for their own education, which doesn't come from assignments or homework but the students' own curiosity.

The first Sudbury school opened in 1968, in Massachusetts, inspired by the "free school" movement of the time, a countercultural experiment aligned with anti-war, civil rights and anti-establishment ideologies.

The basic idea is that children are equals in society who are capable of learning and developing skills within a community of peers. About 20 other Sudbury schools have since opened in the U.S., although they have no central governing body or formal connection.

Alexis Franklin, 27, of St. Louis became interested in opening a Sudbury school after researching alternative education methods. She planned to be a teacher but became disillusioned while student teaching in seventh-grade geography classes. Students and teachers were unhappy because of pressure to meet universal standards, she said.

"I realized the whole system was going to wear me down," Franklin said. "It's more powerful to start something new than fight against something that is so broken."

Franklin opened the private St. Louis Sudbury School in September, on 6 acres in Wildwood, Mo., that included a pottery studio, farmhouse and opportunities for hiking and gardening. But meeting the city's building codes proved too expensive, and the school recently moved to a temporary home in a former Catholic school at All Saints Parish in University City, Mo. Annual tuition is $6,930, and financial aid is available, Franklin said.

There are eight students enrolled, ages 6 to 14. Franklin has hopes to grow exponentially. She is the only adult on site and is volunteering for now.

The school plans to hire a paid staff member this spring, with students conducting the candidate interviews and making the hiring and salary decisions.

Missouri has few rules for opening a private school. Franklin is required to keep vaccination records for students, but there are no other licensing or accreditation requirements. At Sudbury, students attend school a minimum of five hours daily between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

There is no schedule, so students can eat whenever they want and roam the school grounds at leisure. They read, play board games and video games, cook, make art and even walk to the nearby Loop.

They bring comforts of home, including blankets, candles, plants and a record player. When outside, they wear name badges identifying them as students of an independent-learning school. Students have chores, which include taking out the trash and vacuuming floors.

Franklin's role is supervisory, with a goal of as little intervention with the students as possible. Students handle their own discipline through a judicial committee, which handles complaint forms daily.

"It's hard to trust kids. The culture tells us not to," Franklin said. "My role here is just to model general respectfulness."

Franklin was a straight-A student and self-described rule-follower at Parkway West High School in Ballwin, Mo. Her schedule was packed with extracurricular activities designed for an optimum college application, she said.

"All of those qualities were not helpful in the real world," Franklin said. "Following orders and meeting others' expectations is not a rewarding way to live as an adult."

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This adventurous Minn. duck is now a viral internet sensation

By SHARYN JACKSON
(Minneapolis) Star Tribune

Photo provided / Derek Johnson / TNS
Ben Afquack is seen at the Mall of America.

Move over "gray duck."

A fluffy white bird from St. Paul is currently the most famous duck in Minnesota, thanks to some fast feet, fowl puns and a viral video.

Recently, Derek Johnson posted 17 seconds of his pet, Ben Afquack, drumming with his webbed feet on a snare. The video got a million views overnight on Facebook. It's now up to 3 million, with tens of thousands of comments and shares, and more on other platforms.

Ben Afquack's Instagram, @minnesotaduck, has grown to 41,000 followers. On a visit to the Winter Carnival recently, Johnson and his pet were mobbed by fans trying to take photos for their own social media accounts.

The instant fame is all a little overwhelming for Johnson, 29, and his 10-month-old companion, whom he takes with him on "adventures" all over the Twin Cities.

"It blew up," Johnson said of the drumming video. "People are making it into rap beats. A Detroit radio station was doing freestyle over the top of the beat. People are making remixes. It turned into this weird snowball thing. I don't have time to keep up with all the messages."

That's just since the video took off, but Ben Afquack already had a devoted following before this latest hit.

The popular Instagram account chronicles the duck's adventures with Johnson and his wife. There are photos of the duck at the State Fair, near a waterfall, and on the back of Johnson's motorbike.

"We brought him to the zoo. We brought him to the Mall of America. We even brought him to the gym once. The whole goal was to get him used to being around people and doing things with us," Johnson said. "We wanted to socialize him and have him be more of a pet than a goldfish or a farm duck."

It would seem they got more than they bargained for.

When a friend posted a photo of the duck last spring with the caption, "Felt cute. might delete idk," Ben Afquack began his journey to become a full-blown social media star.

In a recent phone interview, Johnson explains how his furry friend became famous.

Q: Tell us the story of Ben Afquack.

A: I used to have a duck when I was a little bit younger, and, long story short, I was in a different place and in the breakup, she got to keep the duck. I got super attached to the stupid thing. I couldn't believe how much I loved that little duck. I was like, 'Someday, when I have my own house and I'm in a different place in life, I'm going to get another duck.'

When I bought a house, a week before we closed, I bought the duck. He was 1 day old, and he's been going everywhere with me ever since.

Q: Where are some of the places you've taken him?

A: We take him hiking a lot, and we take him to beaches. He went kayaking with me. I brought him paddleboarding. He rides on the back of my mini motorcycle in the summer, in a pet carrier. We go everywhere on that, exploring different places.

Q: Do you ever worry about him swimming away?

A: I couldn't get rid of him if I tried. He is so attached to us. He won't even go in the water unless I'm in there with him. He won't get more than 5 feet away from me. He'll notice and quack frantically and start to chase after me.

That's what I fell in love with. I've only heard of ducks as farm animals. But these things actually have personalities.

Q: What's Ben Afquack's personality?

A: He likes to cuddle, believe it or not. I'll scoop him up and put his back to my chest and lean back, and he falls asleep on my chest while watching movies.

He's very playful. He was raised with dogs, so he'll jump in and play with the dogs.

He tries to nibble everything. He'll nibble on zippers.

He'll quack when I come home. When we open the door, he'll quack from wherever he is in the house.

Q: Do you let him be free in your house all day?

A: In the evenings. Right now, we made a shed into a duck mansion, and I feed him on a schedule. He's a very messy eater and he's not going to do that anywhere near my house.

By the time I get home, I go get him, let him take a bath, and then he's all pooped out by that point. I put his duck diaper on him and he roams free.

Q: How did he wind up on Instagram?

A: To be completely honest, it started as a way to kind of make fun of Instagram. Obviously he's adorable. But he had this one picture where he's walking away and he looked back, like an Instagram model, very provocative.

While we were sitting there, my friend made a fake account with that one picture. We had four followers. Then I posted a picture of me on my motorcycle with him and it blew up. And one thing led to another. (Johnson's friend still manages the account.)

I don't really do much social media. I'm not hip like that. I didn't even have an Instagram account until my friend made this one. I wanted to see what the rest of the world is seeing with my duck. I don't even know how to work it.

Q: Why is he called 'Minnesota Duck'?

A: The original name was Sir Quacksalot. As he started getting more popular, we were trying to figure out what represents what he does. Pretty much, he's a duck that goes on adventures in Minnesota. It's all local, homegrown stuff.

We brought him to the Winter Carnival. Oh my god, it was crazy. People were recognizing us from the video. They were treating it like they were meeting Tom Brady. We got like two pictures and we had to get out of there.

Q: What's next for Ben Afquack?

A: I totally don't expect this to happen, but what I would love to do is use the popularity to bring him to a hospital or a treatment center, a place where I could bring some happiness to someone who's not having a good day.

People lose their minds when they meet him. It's crazy how much he makes people's day. I'd like to try to lift people's spirits.

Q: What do you do, Derek?

A: I'm in school for computer science and I work full-time as a personal trainer.

About 6 years ago, I got clean. I was a drug addict for many years, so I feel like I missed out on a lot of the things people do when they're younger, because of the poor life choices I made.

Ever since I got clean, my whole mentality has been try to move forward as much as possible, but also have fun along the way. I do everything I can not to take life so seriously. I'm psyched to be on the other side of things, and be alive, that I try to have as much fun as possible.

Q: What else should fans know about Ben Afquack?

A: As cool as he seems online, he's about a thousand times cooler than that. A thousand times friendlier than you can imagine. He even lets you pet him. If you pet the side of his face, he falls asleep.

Q: This makes me want to get a pet duck.

A: I think everyone should. I thought it was such a dumb idea, but we got a little baby duck. A cute little puff ball who would eventually be a full-size bird. I don't know why people don't do this.

If more people get ducks, we could have playdates. Except he's actually afraid of ducks. When we brought him to the beach, he saw ducks and he ran behind the dog.

BORGMAN

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mind, considering I'd found $500 in play money on the floor by the cardboard grocery store. It was the only time I've ever been to a doctor and left with more money than I came with.

Later that night, I asked the husband if he got a physical.

He said yes, they asked him to fall on the stairs on his way down to the basement clinic and break his leg so they'd have something to treat.

There's something to be said for knowing what the doctor plans on doing before the appointment.

We may have found our new primary care physician.

Lori Borgman is a columnist, author and speaker. Her new book, "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's," is now available. Email her at lori@loriborgman.com.

NEWMAN

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Maybe go donate with your sweetie this Valentine's Day.

To continue with the theme, Feb. 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day, and Feb. 20 is National Love Your Pet Day.

Feb. 21 is National Caregivers Day to give thanks for the people who take care of others. The day was founded by Providers Association for Home Health & Hospice Agencies and was first observed in February 2016.

The end of the month is a little less feel-good and more goofy with National Dog Biscuit Day on Feb. 23 and National Chocolate Covered Nut Day on Feb. 25.

The last Thursday in February is National Toast Day each year.

Feb. 28 is National Public Sleeping Day. The last time I remember public sleeping was on an airplane, but I've been known to do a head bounce or two while someone's giving a long presentation at a city commission meeting I'm covering.

And now for the holiday that only happens once every four years: Leap Day!

Feb. 29 is a rarity. It was added to the calendar in leap years as a corrective measure, because the Earth does not orbit the sun in precisely 365 days.

Look for a special story from me in that day's paper, along with my next column.

If you have a holiday you're passionate about, let me know at anewman@TheHP.com.

If you celebrate one of these holidays, tweet me a picture @HPANewman.

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BAZAARS

NILES: The Sweet Charity Sewing Group will host "Leap Year Cure for Cabin Fever Indoor Shop Hop" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 29 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St. Admission is $5. There will be quilting-related items from vendors from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. Food will be provided by Brew Ha Ha. For more information, contact Cathy Marsh at 362-4314 or Sherri Wade at 782-9384.

News of area bazaars and arts and crafts shows are published Saturdays in The Herald-Palladium. Nonprofit groups that want to be included should send a news release at least two weeks in advance of the event to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or email focus@TheHP.com.

Lexi Browning / St. Louis Post-Dispatch / TNS
William Stennis, at left, 14, and Kylie Beutler, 14, lay in a hammock while scrolling through their devices at St. Louis Sudbury School.

STUDENTS

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The soon-to-be-hired staff member will be expected to spend their time at the school doing whatever they do at home. The students are hoping to find someone with interesting hobbies to share.

Now, when students want to learn more about a topic, they can consult a binder with experts in various fields who are willing to volunteer their time. One student said he wanted to learn more about taxes, so Franklin is bringing in a personal finance expert to give a presentation.

There are no limits on students' use of cellphones or tablets, which are enjoyed liberally. The school is designed to cultivate boredom through downtime.

When the kids say they're bored, "it feels like a success, because they're experiencing mindfulness of the extent of their autonomy," Franklin said. "It's not humane to be micromanaged."

Most of the students attracted to Sudbury have experienced "educational trauma" in traditional school settings, Franklin said. They have been bullied by other students or felt pressured by grades and standardized tests. Most have a diagnosis such as autism, anxiety, depression or attention-deficit disorder, she said.

Lily Goldberg, 11, has dyslexia and struggled in private school with the push to read in kindergarten and first grade. Before coming to Sudbury, Lily was "unschooled," a form of homeschooling without a curriculum.

She loves audio books but didn't learn to read until age 10, said her dad, Patrick Goldberg, who is studying remotely for a doctorate in education at Vanderbilt University and is a member of the school board at Sudbury. Lily's math skills lean toward the practical variety – timekeeping and money management, according to her dad.

"Anything she's interested in she can pick up, and it gives us confidence," Goldberg said. "For parents who are interested in this kind of learning, there is a huge amount of trust necessary. It's scary but it's also really rewarding."

Research on graduates of the first Sudbury school in Massachusetts found that about 75 percent go on to college, and most report satisfaction with their adult lives. Those who are interested in taking college entrance exams can prepare on their own, and their college applications stand out because of their individualized experiences, proponents say.

Kylie Beutler, 14, said Sudbury feels "freeing" after attending public middle and high schools in west St. Louis County, where she had failing grades and multiple detentions for being tardy. At Sudbury, she's become interested in a wide range of studies including taxidermy and calligraphy.

"I have the time and freedom to do it on my own," Kylie said. "Schools expect everybody to work with the system, but the system doesn't work for everybody."

ATTENTION: COUPLES

The Herald-Palladium publishes news for engagements, weddings and anniversaries on Saturdays.

With engagements and weddings, one of the couple must be a resident or former resident of the area to have the announcement published. Couples celebrating anniversaries also must be residents or former residents.

Forms are available online at www.TheHP.com/site/forms and in our office, 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph. Information submitted will be used as space permits.

Engagements

Engagement stories and pictures are published only if they are received more than 30 days before the wedding date. Stories are published with a picture of the couple.

Weddings

Wedding stories and pictures will be published if received within six months after the wedding date. Wedding stories are published with a picture of the couple.

Anniversaries

Brief stories with one picture will be published for couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years and every five years thereafter through 45 years. More complete stories and two photos will be published of couples celebrating 50 years and every five years thereafter.

Stories about couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th or 70th anniversaries may be accompanied by a current photo (no more than five years old) and an original wedding photo.

Anniversary stories will be published if received within six months after the anniversary date. Publication dates cannot be guaranteed.

Photos

Photographs for the Couples page may be published in color for $15. There is no charge for photographs published in black and white.

Return of pictures cannot be guaranteed. An attempt will be made to return pictures accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Pictures not returned by mail can be picked up at The Herald-Palladium office.

Need more help? Call 429-2400, ext. 295.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Hefty loves kids, has excellent manners, and is fine with dogs (but he wants to meet them). He's a gentleman walking on a leash – ignoring other dogs – and perfect in the car. He is 4 to 5 years old, neutered and ready to play. Visit him at Berrien County Animal Control or call 927-5648.

Life's disruptions

Linda Gunter
Insights

My husband, Larry, and I are snowbirds this year for the first time. Although a huge disruption to life as we knew it, we are deeply grateful, and know we are incredibly blessed, to be in the warm sunshine for three months instead of the staying in the cold and snow.

It is a disruption in our life because our large family and many friends are back in the Midwest while we enjoy Florida. We miss our children and grandchildren, and the various events in their life related to sports, theater, choir and birthdays.

We also miss getting together with friends who are in Michigan, and miss being able to provide support for my 91-year-old mother. Fortunately, we have some wonderful friends in the same Florida town who are also snowbirds, so we are enjoying the Florida life together.

Disruptions happen to all of us. They can happen whenever something significant changes in our life. It can happen by our doing or when we have had nothing to do with causing the disruption.

Maybe you find yourself needing unexpected surgery, or you are facing a serious illness. Maybe your wife, husband, partner or significant other decides they want to move in a different direction, and they don't see you in their future.

Maybe a favorite teacher, friend, co-worker, pastor or counselor moves, and things just aren't the same in your life. Perhaps someone close to you dies, and you must find a way to move forward in your life without them.

Possibly friends or family members live in another part of the country, and you are not able to be there to support them when they face a major disruption in their lives.

How do we move forward when these kinds of major disruptions happen?

There are "positive" disruptions as well. Maybe you have a new baby, or a new adopted child, or you just got married or have a new partner. Maybe you are healing from a successful surgery, or maybe you got a new job or a promotion at your current job.

How do we move forward when these disruptions happen?

Last week, a very good friend passed away suddenly in Michigan. It was a shock to receive that phone call, and immediately we felt how difficult it was being in Florida instead of with her family in Michigan.

Another friend from Michigan has been caring for her husband for several years, and he passed away last week, too. While we can connect by phone and text, and we can connect in spirit through love and intention, it is a disruption for us to not be there in person.

How do we move forward when these disruptions happen?

One of the daughters of our good friend who died suddenly last week, posted this quote from L.R. Knost: "Life is amazing. And then it's awful. And then it's amazing again. And in between the amazing and the awful it's ordinary and mundane and routine. Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary. That's just living heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life. And it's breathtakingly beautiful."

During times of disruptions in life, we need a plan for how to move forward – how to continue our lives in a meaningful way despite the major disruption, whether unplanned or welcomed.

Some disruptions are more life changing than others. Some are tougher to navigate than others. Some disruptions bring heart-wrenching pain, and others are more easily seen as positive changes in our life.

When we find ourselves having to adjust to a disruption in our life, we have choices. We can worry, feel guilty or lose hope. We can stop doing what brought us meaning and stop doing what fulfilled our calling, or we can continue to be who we are and trust that we will be carried through the disruption by love and peace that transcend our understanding.

We can make the choice to trust that all things work together for good, and we can continue to be who we are called to be. We can continue to do what we are passionate about, and we can trust steadily, hope unswervingly, and love extravagantly.

Another inspiring writing from Maya Angelo, titled "Continue," speaks to what we can do when disruptions occur in our life. I'm including a portion of this writing. I encourage you to look this up and read it in its entirety.

This beautiful writing suggests what we can do when we are not sure how to navigate the disruptions we encounter:

"My wish for you
Is that you continue
Continue
To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness
Continue
To allow humor to lighten the burden
Of your tender heart
Continue
…To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayers
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good
Continue
…To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing
Continue
…And by doing so,
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally."

Whatever is going on in your life right now, I invite you to continue to trust in the God of your understanding, continue to hope and seek joy and peace, continue to love extravagantly, and continue to be who you are called to be.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Linda Gunter, an ordained interfaith minister. She retired as the CEO of Peace Village, and is the former CEO of Hospice at Home in Southwest Michigan. She has been a guest minister at churches throughout Southwest Michigan. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

Free tax help is available

Sara Duris
Generations

Q Where can I get my taxes done for free?

A You can file your state and federal taxes online at www.myfreetaxes.com.

This free and safe service is a partnership between United Way and H&R Block, and is now open to all income levels, individuals and families, unless you need to file schedule C, D or E.

The site includes live tax support – via email, chat or phone – to answer any questions you have.

If you made less than $56,000 in 2019, and need assistance in preparing your tax return, there are several places where trained volunteers will prepare basic federal and state tax returns, as well as homestead property tax credit and home heating credit, for low-income individuals, seniors and persons with disabilities.

Complex tax returns and those involving business pursuits need to be completed through a tax preparation service.

In Berrien and Cass counties, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program sites include Michigan Works, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor; St. John's Catholic Church, 600 Columbus Ave., Benton Harbor; Niles District Library, 620 E. Main St.; and Cass District Library.

There also are appointments available in Van Buren County through various entities noted below. In addition, the AARP Tax Aide program operates from several of the area senior centers.

To schedule a VITA appointment in Berrien or Cass County, call 211 or 844-875-9211.

Appointments in Van Buren County are offered through United Way in Paw Paw at 657-2410, Senior Services of Van Buren County in South Haven at 637-3607, and Van Buren United Civic Organization in Covert at 764-8854.

Walk-ins also are available in Van Buren County at the United Way offices, 181 W. Michigan Ave, Suite 4, Paw Paw, from 3-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays in February, and Wednesdays-Thursdays in March, at Department of Health & Human Services offices in Hartford.

For the AARP Tax Aide program, contact the location directly to schedule an appointment.

Free tax preparers and sites also can be found at www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/. You can also call the AAA Info-Line for Aging and Disability at 800-654-2810, and we will help to find a location near you.

Slots fill up quickly, so call to get an appointment as soon as you have your paperwork organized.

For your appointment, you will need to have a valid photo ID, Social Security cards for anyone listed on the return, statements of income, and any tax forms you have received, as well as proof of expenses such as mortgage or rent receipts, property tax bills, heating bills and medical bills.

You should obtain a complete list of the documents to bring when you make your tax appointment.

Q Should I use the new 1040-SR Tax Return Form for Seniors?

A According to AARP.org, the new U.S. Tax Return Form for Seniors could make filing a little easier for some older taxpayers.

The 1040-SR form generally follows the Form 1040 and uses the same "building block" approach in that it can be supplemented with additional schedules as needed.

The 1040-SR has larger type and includes a chart for calculating your standard deduction, which ensures taxpayers 65 and older take the larger standard deduction to which they are entitled.

It also includes items such as Social Security benefits, IRA distributions, and pension and annuity payments that weren't included in the previous simplified return, Form 1040-EZ.

If you or your spouse were born before Jan. 2, 1955, you may be able to use Form 1040-SR. You don't have to be retired to file using Form 1040-SR.

The form is most beneficial to those who typically fill out paper returns by hand. If you use a tax software to file taxes, the software will choose which form is best for you based on your input.

Sara Duris is community information liaison of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

CHURCH NOTES

Berrien Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4340 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, is beginning a month of compassion messages. Guest student minister Joshua Berg will relate Jesus' humanism to our country's abortion debate in a sermon titled "Jesus' Humanism and Reproductive Justice" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Berg is a student at Meadville Lombard Theological School, currently fulfilling his internship at Northwest Unitarian Universalist in Southfield, Mich. He also is a board member for The Humanist Society.

The food pantry at **Baroda Bible Church**, 9058 Third St., is in need of donations. Non-expired food, personal care items and monetary donations can be made during food pantry hours: 10-11 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. To arrange a different drop-off time, call Sue at 313-0070. Monetary donations also can be mailed to Baroda Bible Church, P.O. Box 205, Baroda, MI 49101, with a note indicating the donation is for the pantry.

ArtsBridge at **First Presbyterian Church**, 475 Green Ave., Benton Harbor, will present its 12th annual Super Sunday Poetry Reading at 2 p.m. Sunday. Poetry lovers of all ages are invited to attend and share a poem in a non-intimidating setting. Attendees can read their own work or have someone else read it.

The **St. Joseph Buddhist Sangha** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 18, and 10 a.m. Feb. 8 and 22 at Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St. The current Tuesday dharma study book is "Reflections on a Mountain Lake" by Ani Tenzin Palmo. Attendees don't need to have a copy of the book to participate in the discussion, or be an experienced meditator or practicing Buddhist.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will continue its "Finding Joy in Real Life" series at 10 a.m. Sunday. This week the Rev. Adam Bohland will speak on "The Secret to True Wealth." Everyone is invited to stay for the "Souper Bowl" luncheon immediately following the service.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26.

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, is collecting last year's palm branches to be burned for this year's ashes. Bring your palms to the church by Feb. 16.

The Rev. Michael Tupper has been called to be the associate pastor at **First Congregational Church United Church of Christ**, 651 Phoenix St., South Haven, beginning Sunday. He will be introduced at worship that morning at 10:30 a.m. Tupper has served a number of churches, including being a pastor in Casco, Mich., from 1993-2001. He will be working with young adults and youth in the South Haven area.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Pictures can be picked up at The Herald-Palladium office within 30 days of publication, or can be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398 or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer at the Carousel

The Silver Beach Carousel is holding a "Warm Up with Chili" event for current and potential volunteers at the Carousel, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph, on Feb. 9.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and chili will be served at 6:45 p.m., with desserts to follow.

Those interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at the carousel can meet with staff and current volunteers.

To reserve a seat, call Marty Casario, Silver Beach Carousel administrative assistant, at 932-1141 or email marty.casario@silverbeachcarousel.com.

Bring peace

Citizens Mediation Service is looking for volunteers.

Volunteer mediators are neutral facilitators when two parties are trying to negotiate crippling dept, child visitation hours, or a whole host of other life crises. Mediators help clients find their own options and solutions that both sides can agree to.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Love gymnastics?

The YMCA of Greater Michiana is looking for volunteers to help with Creative Movement, Intro to Tumbling, and Intro to Gymnastics.

Volunteers will assist children with hand-eye coordination, motor skills, learning gymnastics skills, strength, flexibility and more.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Do you love animals?

Therapeutic Equestrian Center uses horses to challenge those with special needs to build stronger minds, bodies and spirits.

Experience with horses is a plus, but volunteers can be trained. A variety of daytime and evenings opportunities are available.

Volunteers usually help once a week, but substitutes also are welcome.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Therapy dogs

Caring Circle is seeking teams of pet therapy dogs and their humans who can visit with patients at Hanson Hospice Center, nursing homes and patients' homes.

Interacting with therapy animals provides relaxation and companionship for patients, and increases their quality of life.

Four-legged volunteers must be certified by Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Therapy Dogs International, or an equivalent organization to visit with patients.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

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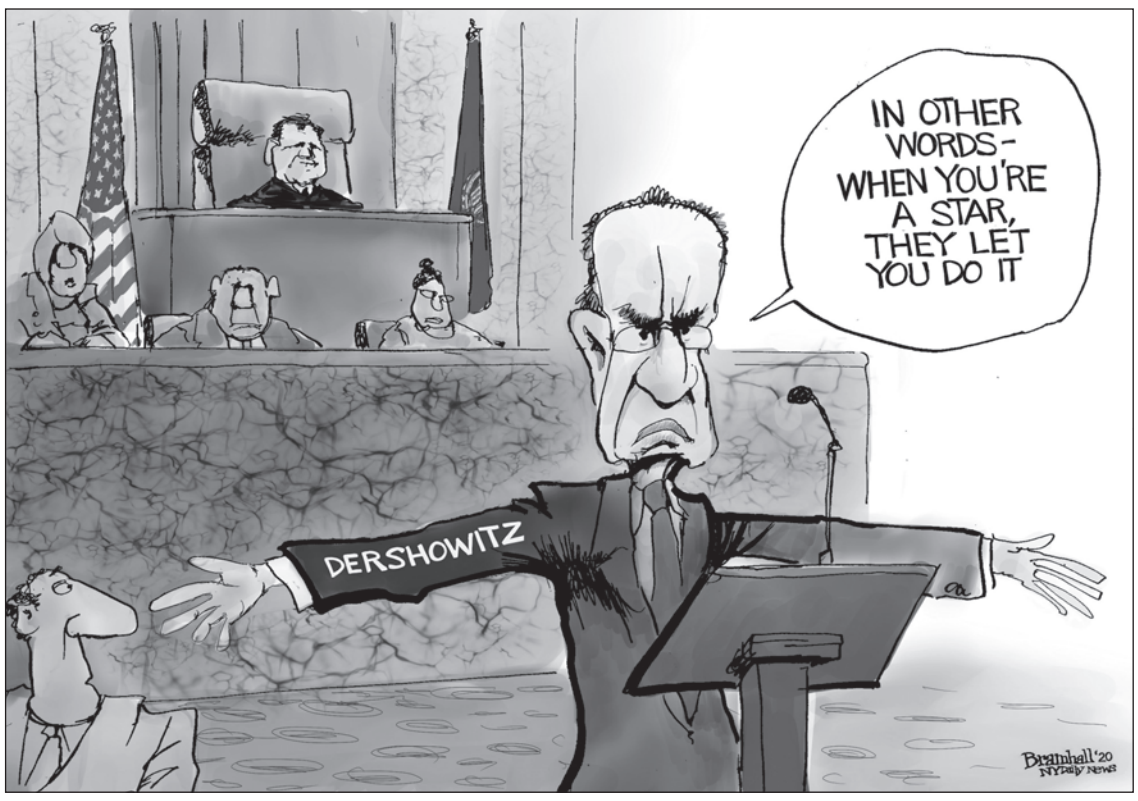
Dershowitz's argument must be rejected

Jonah Goldberg



Dear Republican senators, I will not try to convince you how to vote in the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. I won't even lecture you about the need for witnesses, in part because by the time you see this it will probably be too late. My request is far more humble and possibly far more consequential: When you vote to acquit Trump of the charges leveled against him, please, please, forthrightly reject the central argument of Trump attorney Alan Dershowitz.

According to Dershowitz, "abuse of power" is not an impeachable act. Seriously. Any abuse of power that doesn't include a separate violation of criminal law is immune from impeachment, he contends. Indeed, any act – whether you call it abuse of power of corruption – is, for Dershowitz, fully within the president's constitutional ambit.

So a president who gets fall-down drunk every day and fails to fulfill the barest minimum of his duties cannot be impeached because getting drunk isn't a crime. Do you want to validate that nonsense?

I'm not picking that hypothetical out of the ether. During the Senate's Q&A session Wednesday night, Dershowitz told you the Senate's impeachment power over federal judges is different than that over presidents. Judges can be removed from the bench for violating the standard of "good behavior." So, Dershowitz conceded, if a judge gets fall-down drunk on the job, the Senate can remove him.

It would be hard to argue otherwise, given that the first impeachment trial held by the Senate removed judge John Pickering from the bench in 1803. The primary charge was that he was "a man of loose morals and intemperate habits" who at least once was drunk on the job.

But, Dershowitz argued, the president doesn't serve only during "good behavior" because he is answerable to the voters.

It's an interesting distinction. The only problem: There's nothing in the Constitution to back him up. There's also nothing in the Constitution (or the Federalist Papers) to support the idea that so long as the president doesn't violate criminal law, he can't be impeached.

The standard response to this is: "What about the phrase 'High Crimes and Misdemeanors' in the Constitution?" The problem here, as most constitutional scholars will tell you, is that "High Crimes" doesn't just mean "violations of federal law." It would be weird if it did, given that when the Constitution was ratified there were no federal crimes, save for those mentioned in the Constitution (bribery, treason and piracy).

Alexander Hamilton, writing in Federalist 65, explained that High Crimes "are those offenses which proceed from the misconduct of public men, or, in other words, from the abuse or violation of some public trust." Presumably, refusing to attend meetings, sign legislation or conduct foreign policy because you were too busy doing keg stands in the Rose Garden would be a violation of the public trust.

Again, Dershowitz is almost completely alone among legal scholars alive today in making this argument. But he is not alone historically.

Dershowitz cites the legal arguments of Benjamin Curtis as a controlling precedent. Curtis was President Andrew Johnson's lawyer during his 1868 impeachment trial. Like Dershowitz, Curtis argued that mere abuse of power wasn't enough for a president to be impeached. The president needed to seriously violate the law.

Johnson avoided removal by one vote – and Yale law professor Bruce Ackerman persuasively argues that the one vote was secured at the last minute not through the power of Curtis' arguments but by naked bribery.

Regardless, because Johnson survived impeachment, Dershowitz has a lawyerly point. Curtis "won," so maybe his argument has precedential power after all.

If – and I should probably say "when" – you acquit the president, this precedent will gain even more power. And it is a terrible, dangerous, ridiculous precedent.

The president's strategy of completely stonewalling an impeachment inquiry has damaged congressional authority enough. There's no fixing the damage of that precedent now. But validating Dershowitz's claims would take a sledgehammer to the checks and balances at the heart of the impeachment power. Lending credence to the idea that presidents can literally do anything they want so long as they don't violate federal law (including promising pardons to induce henchmen to commit crimes for them – an act James Madison considered impeachable) would cover this Senate with shame.

Republican senators, I understand that you think it's necessary to acquit President Trump. Fine. The least you could do is offer a resolution stating that Dershowitz's argument isn't the reason for your decision.

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The shock of hearing 'Kobe is dead'

Leonard Pitts

'Kobe is dead." Those were the first words out of my middle son's mouth when I answered the phone. I paused, waiting for the punchline to this really bad joke. He said it twice more. My mouth fell open. Was he serious? It felt like words had become disconnected from meanings.

I put him on speaker, went downstairs calling my wife. "Marilyn, did you hear —."

She finished the awful sentence. "Kobe is dead," she said. It had come through on a grandson's phone. Another grandson called, and she put him on speaker. For maybe five minutes we stood around saying, "Oh, my God. Oh, my God."

That's all we said. It was all we could.

Marilyn wept. Me, I held it together.

Until I saw this video of the Toronto Raptors winning the opening tip against the San Antonio Spurs and instead of going on offense, they dribbled out the shot clock. Then the Spurs did the same. The shot clock runs 24 seconds. Kobe Bryant, in the latter part of his storied career with the Los Angeles Lakers – my Los Angeles Lakers – wore No. 24.

That's when I lost it. And I kept losing it. Lost it when Madison Square Garden wreathed itself in Lakers purple and gold. And again when Boyz II Men joined Alicia Keys at the Grammys in Staples Center – the Lakers home arena – to sing "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday."

Meantime, the news kept getting worse. The helicopter crash in the hills near Malibu that took Kobe's life also took eight others, including his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna. Vanessa Bryant, the mother of his three surviving daughters, finds herself a widow at the ludicrous age of 37.

And I kept waiting for a punchline that did not come.

It's amazing, isn't it, how the loss of someone you never met can feel like a death in the family? I had a fan's complex relationship with Kobe.

When, as a teenage phenom, he stubbornly put up four airballs in a critical playoff game, I would've traded him for a sandwich and a glass of milk. When he and Shaquille O'Neal feuded like overgrown children, I wanted to throttle him with a two-by-four. When he was arrested for sexual assault – he proclaimed his innocence and the woman who accused him declined to testify and he settled a civil suit with her – I could've happily strangled him.

But oh, when he crossed over Scottie Pippen and threw that lob to Shaq in the Portland series, when he hit the afterburners and notched 81 points against the Raptors, when he single-handedly outscored the entire Mavericks team over three quarters, when he blew out his Achilles tendon, then stood at the free throw line and sank two shots, when he led my hometown team to five championships, I yelled and pumped my fists in awe of his will and skill.

And when he left it all behind, when he reinvented himself as filmmaker, author and doting dad and seemed to find a serenity he never allowed himself as an alpha competitor, I was happy for him. I was eager to see what came next.

This is what came next. He was just 41 years old.

The suddenness of it feels brutal, but also instructive, a reminder from on high of how ephemeral our existence really is. And thus, how urgent.

It made you reconsider what seemed important just hours before.

It made you want to hug somebody, squash a beef with somebody, love somebody – now, while you can.

As Tanya Tucker sang from the Grammy stage, "We all think we've got the time until we don't." That truth is the fundament of our existence, the thing that makes it bitter – and sweet.

Kobe is dead. There is no punchline.

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LETTERS

No need to fear marijuana users

Editor,

Take a good look at the line outside the Niles marijuana store. These are the people who community leaders fear, police arrest for possession, and employers reject or fire for preferring the "human catnip" for relaxation.

There they stand, with cash in their pockets, orderly and respectfully waiting their turn in line, risking great exposure if it had been a gun-free state or zone, that most likely work somewhere that wasn't random drug testing. They could be professional, educated, law-abiding and wise to relax with a God-given herb. Far healthier and safer than the devil's distillates or man's concentrated, crystallized concentrates of chemicals.

Should they wear a letter "M" on their forehead so they don't loiter or spend their money in our community? Just why are they banned and why would you drug test and ban them from employment for a personal choice? CDS? Cannabis Derangement Syndrome 50 years after it's introduction on campuses all across America? A God-given gift? A cane plant for mankind to "satisfy all human needs" – cannabis sativa.

We have a symbiotic relationship with cannabis, yet the devil demands we pay his price and satisfy his conditions in order to utilize it? How evil!

Terry Edwards
Benton Harbor

Republicans' blind impeachment denial

Editor,

Donald Trump is a president run amok. His actions repeatedly demonstrate that his only concern is what's good for him, not what's good for the country.

President Trump withheld hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid to a strategic partner, Ukraine, that is at war with an enemy, Russia, in order to secure foreign help with his re-election. He then obstructed the congressional investigation of his actions.

As the pertinent House committees investigated, they found abundant evidence of Trump's abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. They passed impeachment articles, and moved to the trial phase in the Senate. The vast majority of Republican representatives and Senators have demonstrated blind denial of Trump's misconduct, regardless of supporting facts.

The "transcript" of the call by the White House that set off the whistleblower action that led to the House investigation includes Trump's phrase "do us a favor though" linked to the Ukrainian president's mention of military help and Trump's request for investigations. This supposed "evidence of innocence" issued by Trump and his supporters is, in fact, a clear demonstration of guilt!

Contrary to the total ban on impeachment testimony by administration officials issued by the president, seventeen patriotic Americans testified and unanimously produced evidence of Trump's malfeasance. Not one was able to testify to his innocence.

The security assistance for Ukraine was delayed for almost two months after the July 25 White House call. Since then, the Government Accountability Office has ruled that by withholding aid to Ukraine the Trump administration violated the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which "governs the modern budget process and which specifically prohibits the executive branch from declining to spend money that Congress has authorized."

Sleazy facts concerning the meddling of Trump's "fixer" Rudy Giuliani and his assistant Lev Parnas in Ukraine's affairs keep oozing out, incentivizing Senate defenders and attorneys to push for acquittal as quickly as possible.

Blind denial of Trump's overreach can only make things worse for his defenders. They may avoid Trump's wrath now but must face that of the American people, who can with proper authority demand justification for ignoring the actions of a president who has clearly abused the power of his office!

Ed Shaffer
Galien

County should reject gun sanctuary plan

Editor,

As reported in your paper (Jan. 25-26 edition), a resolution has been submitted to the Berrien County board to designate the county as a Second Amendment sanctuary for gun owners. The board is scheduled to consider this proposal at the Feb. 6 meeting.

First I'd like to understand if the proposed resolution regarding Second Amendment rights is merely symbolic or if it has some elements of enforceability.

If it is merely symbolic, then what is the point?

Or is it meant to direct the law enforcement organizations in Berrien County to purposefully ignore the existin, and potentially future expanded gun laws in Michigan?

If I was sheriff of this county or a judge or prosecutor, I would be very confused trying to interpret a ruling directing me to not enforce or prosecute violations of any law that was properly passed by our state Legislature and signed into law by our governor. Confused and potentially liable for any damages resulting from a failure to execute the duties of their oath of office.

We have a system of checks and balances in this country. To willfully ignore laws goes outside that system, can lead to chaos and anarchy.

Is this the message we want to send to our children, that if you don't like the law, just ignore it?

Is this the message we want to send to our visitors? It will be perceived that our community is rampant with gun-toting individuals in defiance of state law.

Finally I would like to comment on statements I have heard lately that the Second amendment is what guarantees all of our other freedoms. I should point out that Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Australia are all free and don't have anywhere near the gun-related deaths that we have in the USA.

And you should probably know that I am a gun owner. But I believe we should start being as serious on gun ownership as we are on driving an automobile. That means training, licensing and registration.

I strongly urge the citizens of Berrien County to write or call your commissioners and tell them that you do not want them to support any resolution that is either needless or puts our county in conflict with state or federal laws. Either existing or in the future.

John Meyer
St. Joseph

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Good ole boys are back

Editor,

Are the "good ole boys" alive and well?

You remember the song of the '60s that began "Bye, bye, Miss American Pie"? We thought that song was forgotten. We thought the "good ole boys" all died.

But current events in Congress deserve careful attention. If a president can manipulate his political opposition at will with no questions asked, no threat of impeachment, if this president is above the law, then the republic we fought to defend is dead, and the "good ole boys" have risen and are alive and well again.

"Bye, Bye Miss American Pie."

Charlotte Holton
Benton Harbor

Chikaming officials can be trusted

Editor,

I am writing in regards to the Chikaming public safety proposal.

Chikaming citizens get a big bang for their bucks. They are self-policing and very conscious of how to wisely spend their taxpayers' funds. I've lived in Chikaming Township and on its borders for over 50 years and I have to say that all I've ever seen is a township that tries hard to do right by its people and its public safety departments. In addition, the township isn't stingy with their resources either. Time and again, I've seen their public servants go above and beyond to help their neighbors without any reservation.

In a way, it's none of my business, but I hope that Chikaming sees that if they are asking for funds, they truly need it and they will spend it wisely.

Frank Ripley
Weesaw Township

PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING FEB. 1

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Jump (N) CC	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (L) CC				
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Institutionalized" CC (DVS)		FBI: Most Wanted "Defender" CC		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Dateline NBC CC		Dateline NBC CC		Saturday Night Live (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Brady Heist	NFL Honors The best players, performances and plays from the season. (N) (L) CC				To Be Announced	
PBS 34	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 3) CC		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Keep-Appear	Keep-Appear
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Cops CC
MNT 50	Graham Bensinger	AHL Hockey Manitoba Moose at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N) (L)					
WCIU 26	2 Broke Girls	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Change of Heart"		Murdoch Mysteries "Hell to Pay"		Murdoch Mysteries CC (DVS)	
WGN 9	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.01.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	:00 ✕ ★★★ Taken ('08, Action) Liam Neeson. CC			Seven Worlds, One Planet Most species-rich continent on Earth.		✕ Taken	
Animal	Pit Bulls	Dog Bowl III		Pit Bulls-Parole		:04 The Vet Life (N)	
BET	Ray ('04)	Super Bowl Go.		BET Star Cinema			
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball Purdue at Northwestern.			
Bravo	5:30 Movie	Movie CC					Movie CC
Cartoon	Gumball	Dragon	Dragon	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
Cinemax	6:30 ✕ Stay Alive	✕ ★★ Night School ('18, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish. CC				9:55 ✕ ★★ The Change-Up ('11) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	✕ Top Gun ('86)	
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Undercover		Undercover	
CNN	Situation	Iowa Caucuses-Poll		Race for		Race for	
Comedy	6:50 ✕ ★★ Men in Black II			✕ ★★★ The Hangover ('09) CC			
Discovery	:00 Man vs. Bear	Man vs. Bear (N) CC		8:57 Man vs. Bear CC		9:57 Man vs. Bear CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Gabby	Gabby
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E!	Sweet Home		✕ ★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02) CC				
ESPN	Basket	College Basketball Duke at Syracuse. (N)				Boxing	
ESPN2	Basket	College Basketball				College Basketball	
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey: Rangers at Red Wings				Red Wings Live (N)		Wingspan
Freefrm	Ferris Bueller	:10 ✕ ★★★ Back to the Future ('85, Comedy) Michael J. Fox. A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years. CC					
FX	★★ Ride Along 2	✕ ★★★ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black. CC					Jumanji: Welcome
Golf	:00 PGA Tour Golf Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round.						
Hallmark	:00 ✕ Love, Romance & Chocolate ('19) Lacey Chabert.			✕ A Valentine's Match ('20, Romance) Mary-Margaret Humes. (P). CC			
HBO	5:30 ✕ Aquaman	✕ ★★ Alita: Battle Angel ('19) Rosa Salazar, Christoph Waltz. (P). CC				:05 The Outsider "Que Viene El Coco"	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens: Secret Files (N) CC				Ancient Aliens (N)	
HGTV	Property	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
Learning	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress (N) CC				Say Yes, Dress	
Lifetime	Chris Watts: C	✕ Poisoned Love: The Stacey Castor Story ('20) Nia Vardalos. (P). CC				:10 ✕ My Wife's Secret Life ('19) CC	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Arizona Coyotes.					Postgame
NFL	Super	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		NFL Total Access	
Nick	Loud	Henry	All That	The Crystal Maze		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Locked	Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped Two poisonous love stories.		Snapped "Angelina Rodriguez" CC		Snapped A question of suicide or murder.	
Parmt	:00 ✕ ★★ The Expendables 2 ('12)				✕ ★★ The Expendables 3		
Showtime	6:30 ✕ ★★★ The Help ('11) Viola Davis, Emma Stone. CC			✕ ★★ The Best of Enemies ('19) Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell. (P). CC			
Starz	X-Men Origins	:13 ✕ ★★ The Vow ('12, Romance) Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum. CC				9:59 Power "Reversal of Fortune"	
STZENC	★★★ Inside Man	7:53 ✕ ★★ Fallen ('98, Suspense) Denzel Washington, John Goodman. CC				Spartacus: Vengeance CC	
SyFy	:45 ✕ ★★★ Zombieland ('09, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg. CC				:45 ✕ ★★ Pride and Prejudice and Zombies ('16) CC		
TBS	6:00 ✕ ★★★ Wonder Woman ('17, Action) Gal Gadot.			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Far From Mad	✕ ★★★ Doctor Zhivago ('65) Omar Sharif. A Russian doctor is torn between his wife and another woman. CC (DVS)					
TMC	:20 ✕ ★★ The Eye ('08, Horror) Jessica Alba. CC			✕ ★★ The Beyond ('81, Horror) Katherine MacColl. CC			✕ Zombie
TNT	Coach	✕ ★★ Pain & Gain ('13, Action) Mark Wahlberg.					2 Guns
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TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Harry-Phoenix	7:49 ✕ ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. CC (DVS)					
VH1	Baby Boy	✕ ★★ Poetic Justice ('93) Janet Jackson. CC					Movie
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Siblings come home to visit, but not with family members

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I haven't seen in your column before. My husband comes from a large family with siblings spread far and wide. We live in the home state and are happy to accommodate his brothers and sisters (families, dogs) when they come home to visit and ask to stay with us.

While it's never said openly, it quickly becomes clear that the purpose of their visit is to do activities with people other than my husband and me. In the past, we cleared our calendars and expected to entertain and feed these visitors. It becomes awkward when they unexpectedly leave for events with other people – once a Christmas Eve dinner! Advice? – Awkward In The Midwest

DEAR AWKWARD: Do not be confrontational, but when plans are being made for the next visit, you and your husband should ask his relatives which days or evenings you should expect to entertain them. That way you won't have needlessly cleared your calendar only to be left standing at the curb.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancee, "Mia," lost her dad two years ago, and her mother recently announced to the family that she is seeing someone. She has been staying over at his house, and she is planning to sell her home and move in with him. Mia is very upset about it.

Her mom is now in the process of getting rid of her father's belongings. She feels like her mom is erasing her father from their lives. How long should her mother have waited? Is Mia being selfish? Shouldn't she be happy for her mother? – Going Forward In The East

DEAR GOING: I hesitate to call your fiancee selfish as much as self-CENTERED. Her mother has waited a respectful amount of time. She isn't erasing her late husband from her life or her children's as much as going on with hers, which is healthy.

I wish you had mentioned how long she has been seeing the man she's planning on moving in with, because it might be pertinent. For her own protection, she should discuss her plans with her lawyer to ensure that she – and her assets – are safeguarded before she sells her house.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine is giving a baby shower next month for her grandson and granddaughter-in-law. She wants to invite many of her longtime friends to the shower, but most of them have little or no history or relationship with her grandson or his wife, and neither one really wants them to be invited. The grandmother, however, thinks it would be rude not to. Your thoughts? – Invited In The West

DEAR INVITED: Someone should remind your good friend that the celebration is not for her, and that showers aren't supposed to be hosted by close relatives but by friends of the honoree. Not only would your friend's contemporaries not be offended if they are not invited, they would probably feel relieved. People of Great-Grandma-To-Be's generation have been through so many showers they aren't likely to have hurt feelings if the younger generation takes over, unless they're very close to the honoree.

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Stepmother, who is paying for wedding, wants to be included in ALL events

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I am maid of honor in my close friend's wedding. I planned a bachelorette party downtown with the three other bridesmaids and four friends of the bride. I rented two connecting hotel rooms, made dinner reservations, and planned some fun bars to go to. The next morning, we were going to have brunch. The bride was excited about it. We planned it together.

Then the bride's stepmother started sending me messages that she and the bride's sister really want to be included. The bride's mother isn't invited to any bachelorette party events, but is going to the shower. I told the stepmother this, and she said her daughter (age 15) really wants to attend, and since they are paying for the wedding she doesn't think they should be excluded from any wedding events. I asked her if she wanted to come just to dinner or just to brunch the next day, and she was really put out by this suggestion.

If I invite her and her daughter, we couldn't go out to the bars after dinner. I would also feel obligated to invite the bride's mother. There is nothing against them, but that just changes the entire event.

I already planned a shower where all family members are present. I think the stepmother is put out that her daughter is not in the bridal party but she is still paying for the wedding.

I asked the bride what she wants me to do, and she just got really upset and said she doesn't want anybody mad. I really want to help her, but I feel thrown in the middle of a family conflict. What should I do? – **Maid of Honor**

This is a bachelorette party, not a teenage-girl's-and-bride's-moms' party, for fox's sake.

So say that, nicely of course. Hold the line. Technically it's to the point where the bride ought to step in and tell her stepmother to back off, but she's not doing it, so do it for her. I know it's awkward, but think about it: Do you really need the stepmother to like you?

No, no you do not.

It's a good chance to work on your diplomatic skills, too: velvet glove, iron fist. "I'm happy to work with you on other events, but this one is at a bar and so we can't bring someone underage. This is my decision, not the bride's. Thank you for understanding." No further communication on this topic. It can help to have a deflection ready, such as: "Maid of honor, volunteer, planning a bar crawl" (hands up in the universal gesture for, "I'm out" and/or "I did not just commit pass interference").

So, ah, good luck!

Re: Bachelorette:

Stepmom may be paying for the wedding, but she's not paying for this party. Take one for your friend and tell stepmom it won't work if they come. Letting her be mad at you and not at your friend would be a great wedding present to her. – **Anonymous**

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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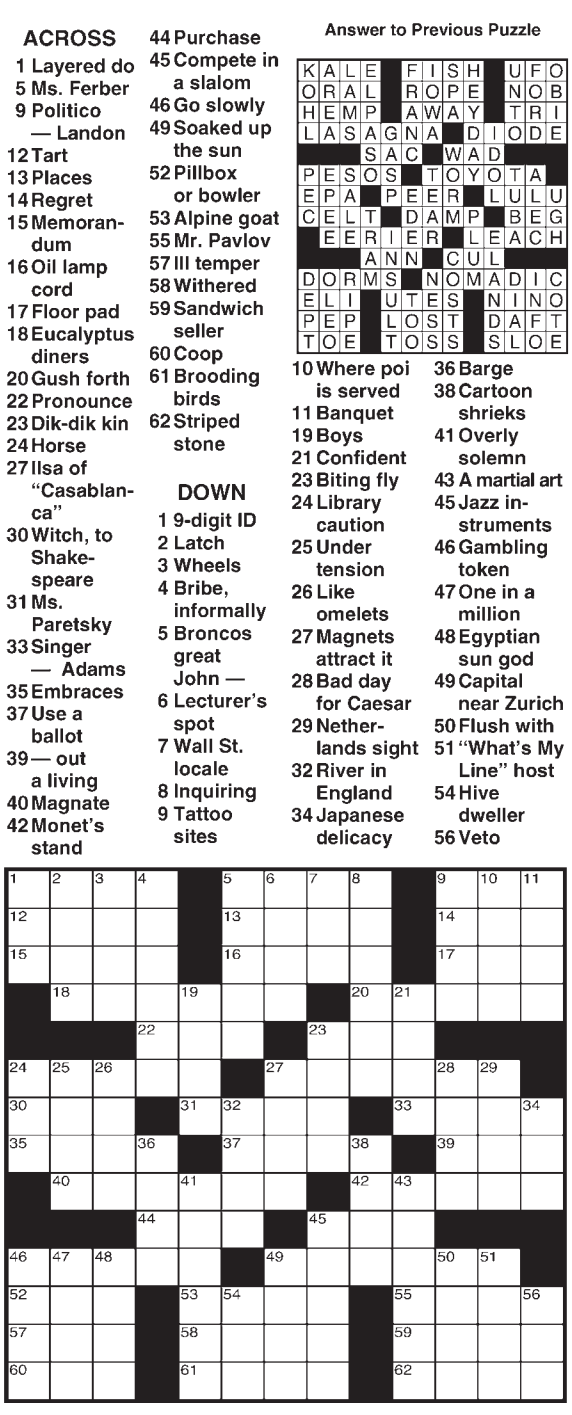

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LUMPE

NUWDO

DTROAW

LITFEU

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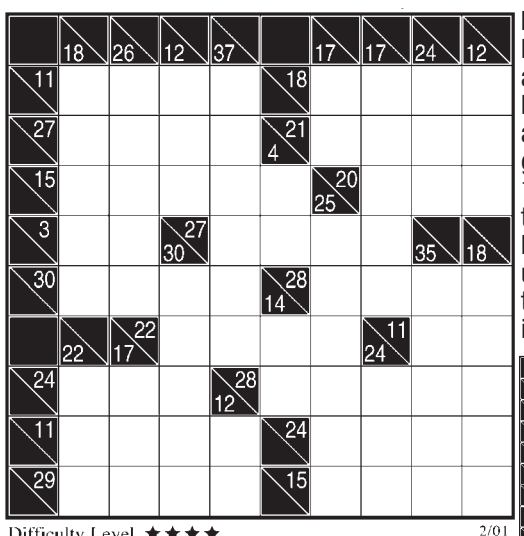
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

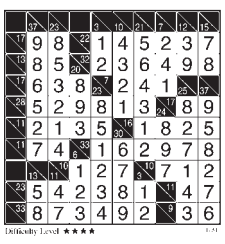
Yesterday's Jumbles: HUMID AXIOM STOOGE PLAGUE
Answer: When she saw her former husband in the restaurant, she wasn't — "EX-SIGHTED"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/01

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 1/31

BRIDGE

Here are my answers to the remaining Christmas Competition questions.

3. How would the bidding proceed if East were the dealer? My choice is given in the diagram. That East hand is worth an opening bid, having no rebid problem. South is too strong for a simple overcall. West raises to the 10-trick level because he knows of at least a 10-card fit. North can hardly risk passing. Then South bids what he hopes his partner can make, although he might first employ Roman Key Card Blackwood.

4. Look only at the North hand. a. West deals and opens two hearts, a weak two-bid. b. South opens one heart, and West overcalls two diamonds. What should North do in each case? a. Pass (do not preempt against a pre-empt). b. Pass (maybe three spades, if weak, or a negative double).

5. Look only at the East hand. North opens one no-trump. a. What should East do? b. Whatever East calls, South jumps to three no-trump. What should East lead? a. Two hearts if it shows a heart-minor two-suiter. If it would be natural, pass (not having a six-card suit). b. Diamond king.

6. Look only at the South hand. a. North opens one heart, and East passes. b. East opens one spade(!). What should South do in each case? a. One spade. There is no hurry. b. Double (though pass might work better).

7. Look only at the West hand. a. North opens one diamond, East makes a takeout double, and South responds one spade. b. East opens two hearts, a weak two-bid, and South makes a takeout double. What should West do in each case? a. Two hearts. b. Four hearts ... or Blackwood!

North 02-01-20
♠ K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ 8
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 5 3 2

West
♠ 2
♥ Q J 9 7 4
♦ 7 6
♣ J 10 8 7 6

East
♠ 5
♥ K 10 5 3 2
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ K 9 4

South
♠ A J 9 7 4
♥ A 6
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1♥
Dbl.	4♥	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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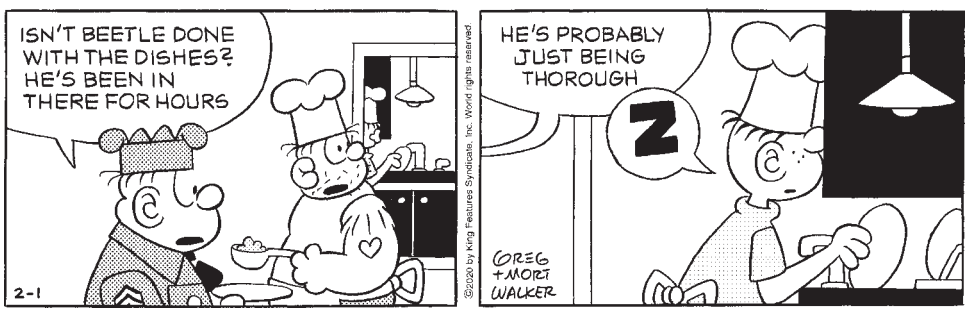

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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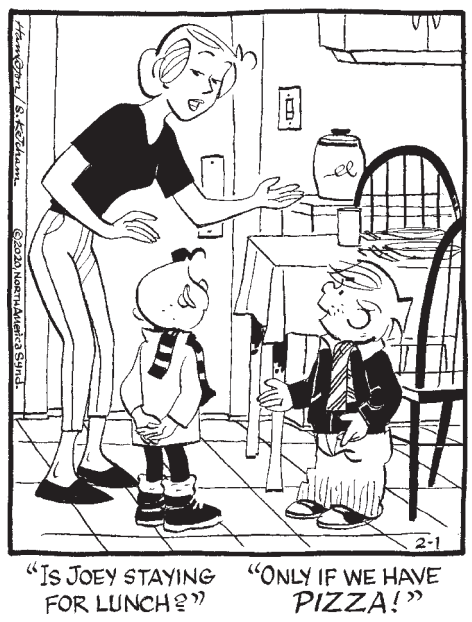

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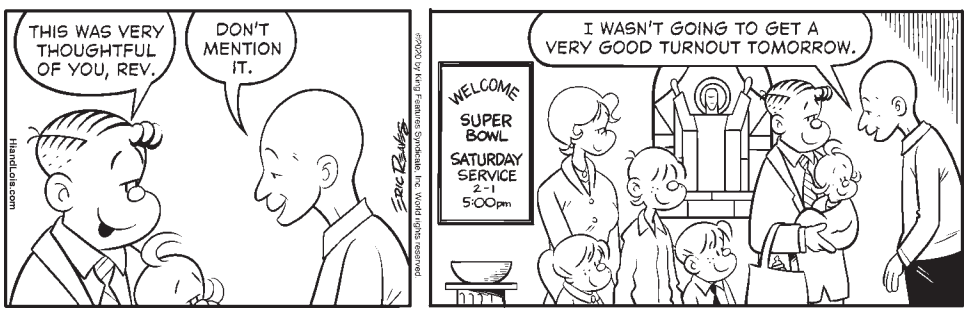

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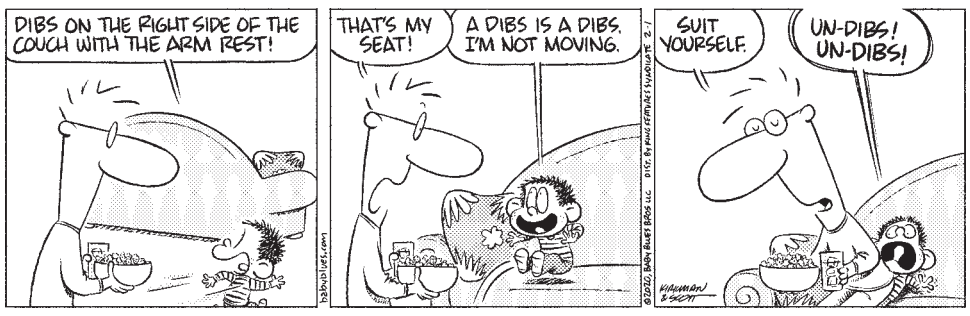

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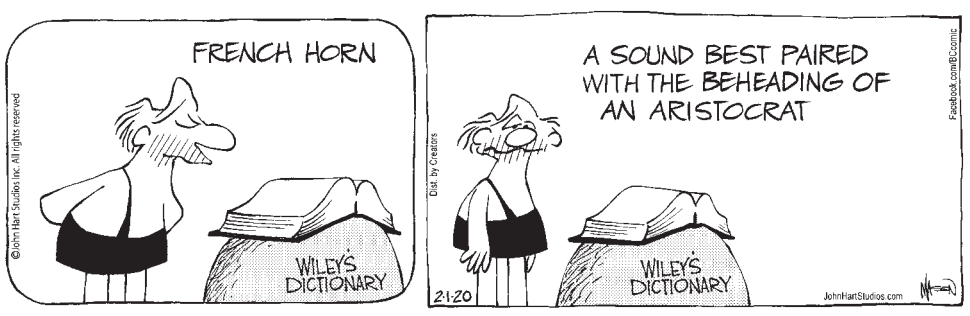

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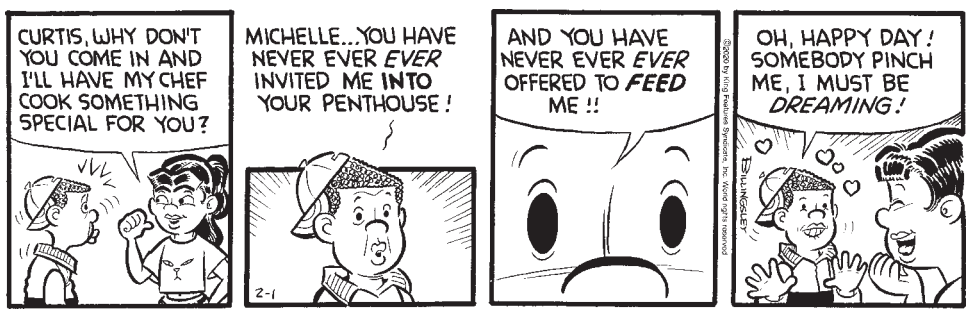

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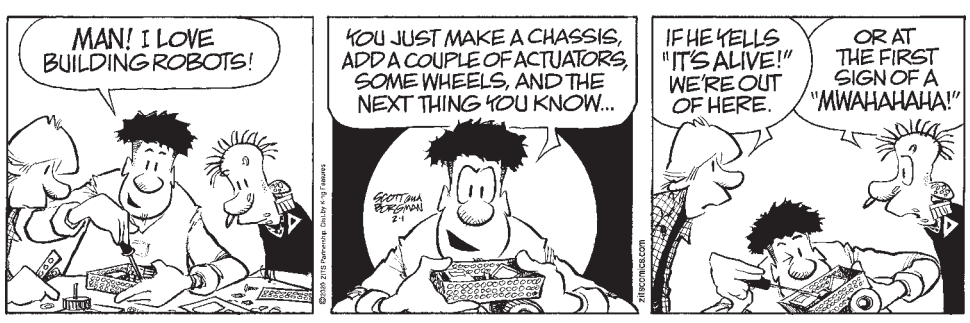

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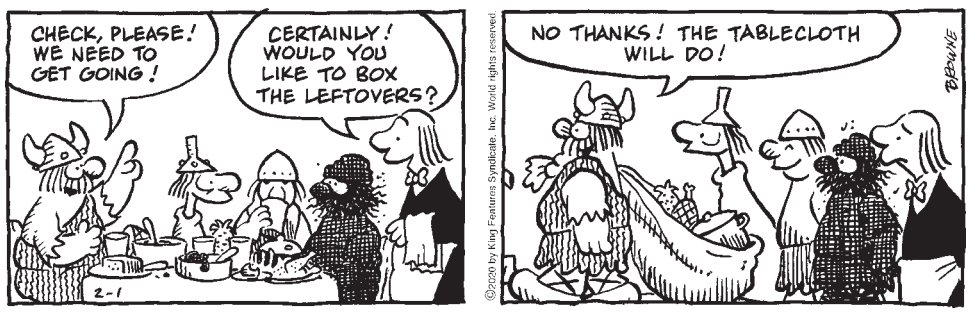

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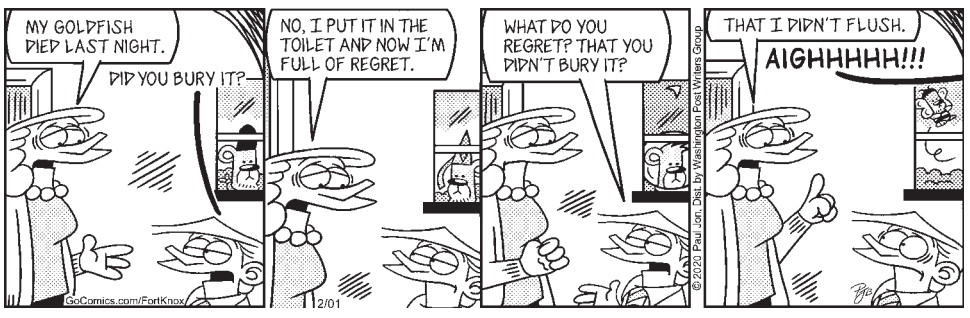

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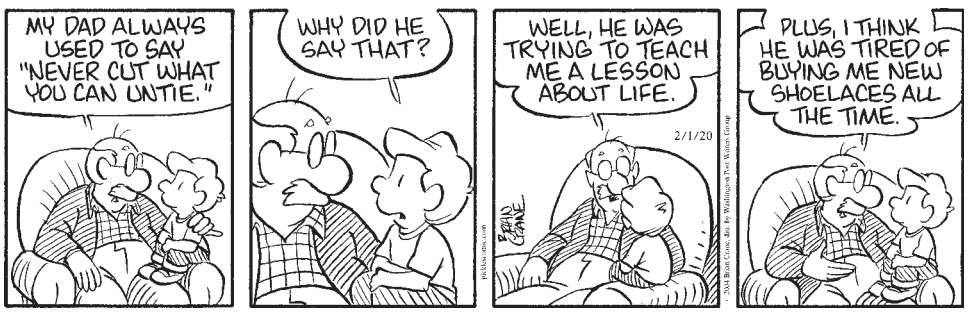

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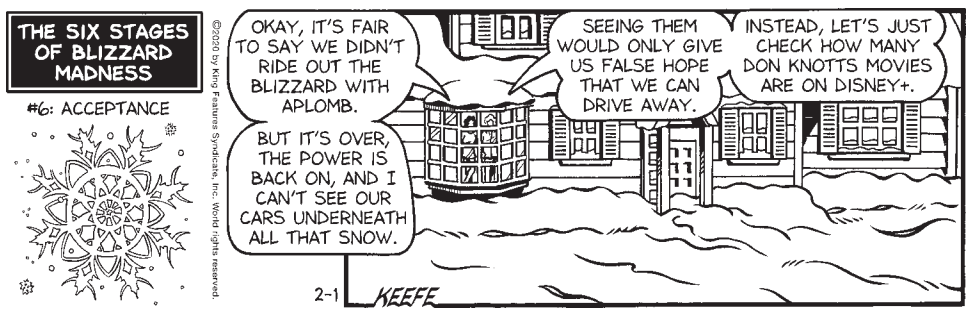
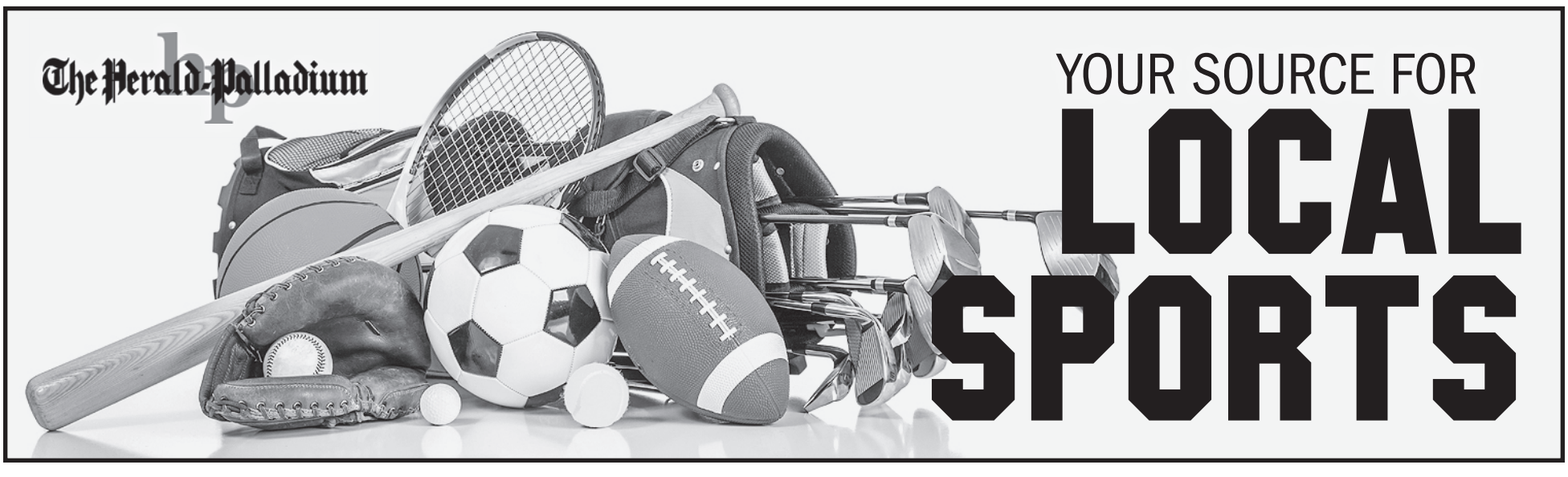




The 92nd Academy Awards

Think you know who will win at this year's Oscars? Visit www.TheHP.com on Monday morning and click on the "Submit your predictions now" banner at the top of the page.

Voting will be open until 5 p.m. Friday. One winner will receive a movie-themed gift basket.

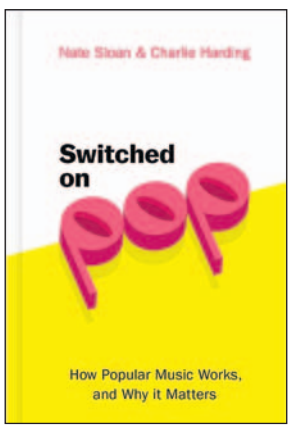
Then, pick up a copy of next weekend's paper to see who staff writer Tony Wittkowski thinks will win.

The Academy Awards airs live on ABC at 8 p.m. Feb. 9.

Why do the catchy lyrics always get stuck in your head?

This book about pop music explains

By YASMEEN WAFAI
The Seattle Times



Oxford University Press / TNS
"Switched on Pop: How Popular Music Works, and Why It Matters" by Nate Sloan and Charlie Harding.

Picture this: You're waiting in the checkout line at the grocery store when suddenly you open your ears to the music playing overhead.

It's "You Belong With Me" by Taylor Swift. You know, that song you pretend to hate but secretly love?

Anyway, in the middle of trying not to sing along too loudly, you notice Taylor does this ... thing with the melody. You can't quite put your tongue on what it is, but you've heard it before. You shrug and move on because it's your turn to check out.

That is, unless you're musicologist Nate Sloan and songwriter Charlie Harding, whose podcast, "Switched on Pop," is devoted to diving into pop music.

They seek to answer questions like these: What rhythms make us dance? Why is Max Martin so good at making pop jams? What's that underwater sound so many songs have been featuring lately? And, of course, what is that *thing* Taylor Swift does in so many of her songs?

If you ask Sloan and Harding, it's a trio of descending notes called a "T Drop," and it's just one of the many pop-music moments they use to explain different musical concepts in their new book, "Switched on Pop: How Popular Music Works, and Why It Matters."

The duo started the podcast in October 2014 and are at 146 episodes and counting. About two years ago, they decided to take their shared interest in music composition and pop music one step further – with a book.

Harding said it's not that there was a real need for a text, but their listeners kept writing them saying they wished there was a book to help understand core musical concepts.

"The book is the most fun music theory class you could ever take," Sloan said.

They wanted to give people an essential guide with pop songs as examples, Harding said, but as one can imagine, choosing which songs to include was not exactly an easy task. They tried to narrow their list down by only choosing songs from the last 20 years – ones readers have likely heard before.

"Hey Ya!" by Outkast, "Despacito" by Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee and "Oops! ... I Did It Again" by Britney Spears are just a few of the mega-hits that made the book.

Sloan said the selection process was long, but fun. They wanted to choose songs that had a sense of longevity, which can be hard to predict, he said.

"We had such a long conversation about whether Justin Bieber should be in the book," Sloan said.

In addition to educating readers and listeners on musical concepts, the authors started the podcast to share their passion for music composition. They wanted to connect with people around musical conversations, which isn't as easy as you would think for pop. In the book's introduction, Sloan and Harding admit to once being music "snobs" who let their feelings toward the genre prevent them from enjoying it.

"There's so much (pop) has to teach us about our own internal biases," Harding said.

The podcast may be called "Switched on Pop," but their purpose is also to help people become switched-on listeners, Harding said.

"It's OK to embrace your taste," he said. "Be into what you're into."

Through the podcast, they've also provided music education to people who may not be able to access it easily. Sloan said they've gotten emails from educators who have used the show as a learning tool.

He said, in a way, pop music was the spoonful of sugar that helped the music-theory medicine go down – but then it became the medicine itself.

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Orion Pictures / AP
Sophia Lillis is shown in a scene from "Gretel & Hansel."

'Gretel & Hansel' is a real horror(ible) movie

Mark Kennedy
Movie Review

There's a scene early on in the new film "Gretel & Hansel" when the two title characters accidentally scarf down psychedelic mushrooms in a forest and it produces one very strong feeling in the audience: jealousy.

Oh, if only we could all also be high for the rest of this. If only there was something that could make bearable another hour or so of this art-film horror.

Forget the popcorn, just give us 'shrooms, man.

"Gretel & Hansel" is as visually arresting as it is tedious, a nearly 90-minute movie that really should have been a 3-minute music video for Marilyn Manson or Ozzy Osbourne.

It's in the horror genre only loosely. It's more eerie, if that's a genre. Actually, it's like dread for 87 minutes. It's dreadful.

The Brothers Grimm should really be outraged that their simple story about child abuse, malnutrition, cannibalism and witchcraft has been so twisted.

Rob Hayes' script centers on Gretel – hence the title's name swap – and turns her into woke, coming-of-age super-heroine who outsmarts a witch.

Why this dusty, 19th century ditty needed to be refashioned this way is unclear. What's next? Will "The Three Little Pigs" soon be resurrected to become vigilante slayers of corporate greed? Pigs versus pork?

Sophia Lillis, who made her mark in "It," plays 16-year-old Gretel, while newcomer Sam Leakey stars as her 8-year-old brother. Boosting Gretel's age puts her on the cusp of womanhood and gives her dominion over her younger brother.

Patrick Redmond / Orion Pictures / AP
Sophia Lillis, at left, and Sammy Leakey are shown in a scene from "Gretel & Hansel."

She soon realizes that – gasp! – she has powers herself. "Women often know things they're not supposed to," the witch tells her. (If that was true, poor Lillis wouldn't have wasted her considerable talent in this dreck.)

The original tale is about starving siblings who come across a house made of bread and cake – a lure built by a wicked witch who wants to cook and eat them. She is outsmarted and the kids get home safely.

The moral: Strangers suck and don't get off the path.

This retelling seems to be a lesson about corruption or maybe environmentalism – "nothing is given without something taken away," Gretel intones – but it's all muddled by heavily stylized sets and intended-to-be-creepy set-pieces that are visually fascinating but add up to little, all set to a knock-off "Stranger Things" soundtrack.

The one lesson the filmmakers didn't tell us is that carbs are clearly the devil.

Director Oz Perkins knows a well-framed shot when he sees it – mysterious cloaked figures in the distance with odd hats in misty forests – but connecting hundreds of arty images isn't making a coherent film.

Everyone is clearly very proud of turning the fairy tale's yummy cottage into the film's post-modern example of Deconstructivism architecture. Bravo! Congrats on the cool, asymmetrical roof but you forgot that the story makes no sense. Lots of candles and denuded Irish trees isn't a plot.

Alice Krige plays the scary witch with an endless buffet and she's perfectly cast, using her precise, quiet menace to excellent use, like when she ominously smells Hansel's head. She tempts Gretel with eternal life – for a price.

"There's something wrong here," Gretel wonders. "What hides behind this pleasantness?"

There's also Charles Babalola as a fleeting nice guy who kills a demon with an arrow-driven head shot, an entire sequence that seems from another movie. But that's the most real action in the film until the end when there are bloody corpses on autopsy tables, human entrails moving about and someone gets graphically burned alive.

Why this is rated PG-13, we have no idea. Why it was even made in the first place is also beyond us.

At the multiplex this weekend, kids, stay on the path.

Mark Kennedy is an entertainment writer and movie critic for The Associated Press. Follow him on Twitter @KennedyTwits.

'Gretel & Hansel'

1/2 star
(out of 4 stars)

Starring: Sophia Lillis, Alice Krige, Jessica De Gouw, Charles Babalola and Samuel Leakey

Directed by: Oz Perkins

Written by: Rob Hayes

Running time: 87 minutes

Rated: PG-13
(for disturbing images/thematic content, and brief drug material)

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hp HOME & GARDEN

Reclaimed wood adds character to decor

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

Hudson Co. / AP

Salvaged wood paneling is shown at the Omi Center in Ghent, N.Y. The Hudson Co. salvages timbers and boards from city water towers, industrial buildings in the Ohio Valley and agrarian structures up in Canada. They also salvage framing from mushroom farms in the mid-Atlantic, like the paneling shown here.

In their new book, "Reclaimed Wood: A Field Guide," woodworkers Alan Solomon and Klaas Armster close with an imagined recounting of one tree's story from sprout to salvage.

The tale begins in the 1500s, when longleaf pine covered a vast area from North Carolina down to the tip of Texas and the Florida Panhandle – "the largest forested lands in North America," the authors say.

Over the next few hundred years, their pine tree grows to 120 feet. Naturally fire-resistant, it survives storms, woodpeckers, hunters and the Civil War, until it succumbs to loggers in the 1880s.

The tree is then brought to a mill, shipped to New York, and taken by horse cart along cobblestone streets to lower Manhattan. For the next couple of hundred years, its wood frames commercial lofts that hold hat shops and daguerreotype salons.

After demolition in the mid-2000s, the pine boards are salvaged by builders to clad the floors of the Park Avenue Armory and make gym bleachers in Baton Rouge, La.

As the authors write, "the longleaf that had grown in the South and then went North, ultimately kept roots in both places."

The story describes what could be the life's journey of many trees whose long-lasting wood was a primary building material in the development of towns and cities.

These days, although many new buildings are made of concrete or brick, there's a resurgence in using reclaimed wood in everything from ceiling beams to feature walls, furniture, flooring or exterior cladding.

Architects and designers appreciate the narrative that salvaged wood brings to a project, and the physical charm of planed boards with the patina and markings of their life stories.

Solomon and Armster run Sawkill Lumber in Brooklyn, N.Y., supplying wood salvaged from barns, commercial and industrial sites, and homes to architects, contractors and woodworkers.

Sometimes their hardwoods or softwoods are left in their natural state, but the team also "rehabs" beams and boards by refinishing, sanding and giving them coats of protective stains, oils or waxes.

In one case, Solomon says, they acquired wood from dismantled Worcestershire sauce tanks at an old Lea & Perrins plant in New Jersey.

"The wood is high-quality, old-growth Douglas fir, free of knots, with a strong scent of sauce after re-sawing," says Solomon, who used some of the wood to clad his own home.

The Hudson Co., which has a mill and showroom in Pine Plains, N.Y., and showrooms in Manhattan and Ridgefield, Conn., salvages timbers and boards from various cities' water towers, industrial buildings and agrarian structures.

It has also salvaged framing from mushroom farms. The woods – mostly hemlock and cypress – develop unique characteristics over the fungi's growth cycle.

Company president Jamie Hammel likes the idea that the wood, often used as paneling in residential and commercial projects, is salvaged from an ongoing agricultural process.

"So, in a sense it's a renewable resource, because the farmers are continuously updating and replacing the boards from the growing beds. In addition, the caramel color wood tones, fine grain and sculptural textures offer a unique aesthetic," he says.

Jonah Meyer, who owns Sawkille Co., a furniture design studio in Rhinebeck, N.Y., praises heart pine for its "wonderful stripes. Heart pines come from the beams of America's first factories, and of course, these were old-growth forests that were being cut. Old growth also means slow growth; the rings of the trees are very tight. Nothing grows like that anymore."

Meyer crafts chairs, tables and other furniture, some of which he paints with woodland scenes or decorative motifs.

When nature sends something his way, he'll make the most of it.

"Occasionally we find a huge tree that has come down in a storm, so we cut it up for coffee tables and start drying the pieces. They're amazing to work with – some are almost 45 inches across," he says. "Over time we get to know the tree, and it's a good feeling to have saved it from the firewood pile."

Sawkille Co. / AP

An Indi mirror Sawkille Co.'s Jonah Meyer designed uses reclaimed silver maple wood.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

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Horizontal lines and a low-pitched roof deliver a modern feel, while stone adds even more curb appeal. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Modern with a twist

There's no shortage of curb appeal for this stunning, contemporary style house plan.

Inside, an easygoing layout makes it easy to get around. The private master suite resides to the right of the floor plan and has access to the screened porch at the rear of the home.

A flex room near the foyer can be used as a dining space or home office. Check out the handy mudroom just off the three-car garage.

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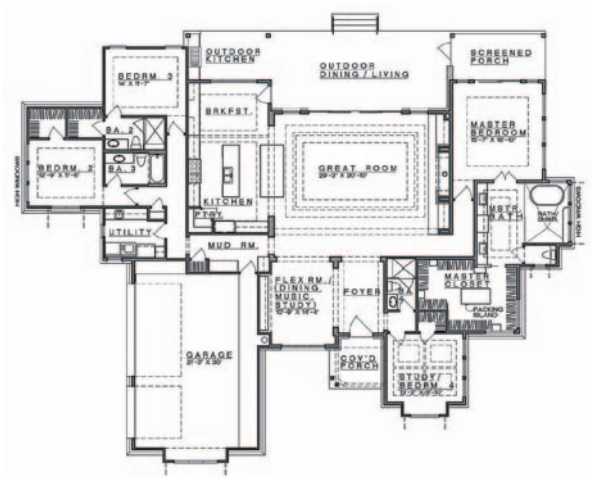

These plants need to chill

By LEE REICH
Associated Press

Outdoor plants in cold climates need to bank a certain number of hours being chilly during the winter for their buds to awaken in the coming months. And that's not the same thing as being cold.

To a plant, "chilly" generally means a temperature between about 32 and 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lack of enough chilling time is why it might be a waste to try to force forsythia blossoms indoors now. The bushes have been exposed to frigid temperatures, but not enough chilling temperatures.

Spring-flowering bulbs also need some chilling before they will flower, which is why we keep them in a cool spot for a few weeks before bringing them indoors for forcing. (Paperwhites are an exception.)

Lack of chilling is why you can't grow most apple varieties in Florida.

Without chilling, the trees either don't leaf out or they just cough forth a few, low-quality fruits.

Once any plant has accumulated enough hours in its chilling "bank," it will grow as soon as temperatures warm.

How much chill do they want?

Plants vary in how many hours of chilling they need before they'll awaken, with most needing between 500 and 2,000 hours. Plants originating in colder climates are usually at the higher end of this range.

Forsythia hails from eastern Asia, and the yellow blossoms of a plant originating in the southern part of that range would welcome spring earlier in the season than would a plant originating in the northern part of that range.

The need for less chilling is not always an asset: With fruit trees, earlier blossoms are not welcome because they are more likely to get frosted, and frosted blossoms don't go on to become fruits.

Chilling requirements are not directly related to latitude in all cases. High-altitude northern plants have low chilling requirements because temperatures there stay reliably cold through winter, and then growth needs to begin quickly for the ensuing short season.

Conversely, high chilling requirements where winter temperatures fluctuate frequently keeps plants adapted to those regions from starting growth too soon.

Effects may vary

Chilling can influence how a plant performs in your garden. Imagine a gardener in Portland, Ore., who is growing the same variety of kousa dogwood as another gardener in Vermont.

Buds at the tip of any plant's branches need less chilling than do buds lower down, so where climates have mild winters, as in Portland, tip buds start growing first, as soon as their chilling requirement is met. Getting an earlier start, those terminal shoots can suppress, to some degree, growth of buds lower down along the stems.

In Vermont, however, frigid weather holds back tip buds even after their chilling requirements are satisfied.

Once weather warms in spring, all the buds grow pretty much together.

So, a kousa dogwood in Vermont will become bushier than the same plant grown in Portland.

For the same reason, frigid winters coax particularly spectacular spring flower shows from trees and shrubs.

In Vermont, flower buds on many different plants that have been chilled by midwinter sit tight waiting for warm weather. When warmth finally arrives, all those buds burst open almost at once.

Portland, on the other hand, gets weeks and weeks of bloom, the mild winter weather letting each tree's or shrub's flowers awaken as its chilling requirement is met.

We can't really do much about chilling of outdoor plants. We can't even be too exact in figuring out just when to bring branches or bulbs in for forcing, or how far south we can grow a McIntosh apple tree.

That 32-to-45-degree definition of chilling varies somewhat from plant to plant, and warm temperatures in winter can take hours out of the chilling bank.

One part of plants is unaffected by chilling: the roots. They will grow whenever temperatures are above about 40 degrees, which is why mulching in fall, which keeps the ground warmer longer, is good for plants. More root growth makes happier plants.

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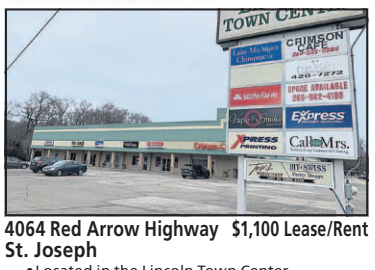

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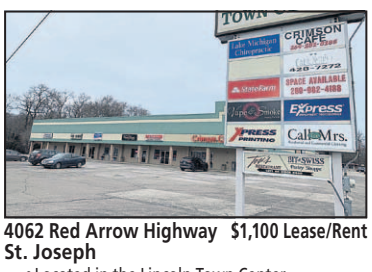

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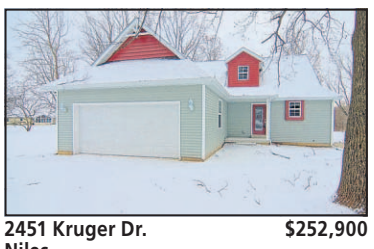

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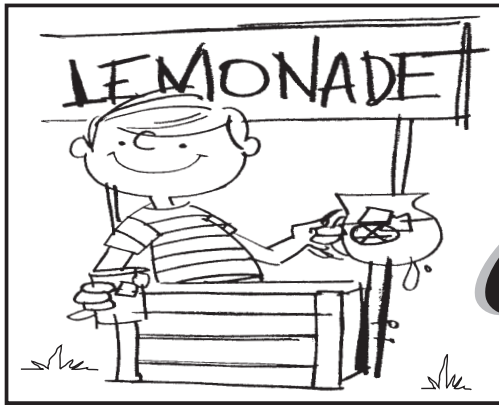

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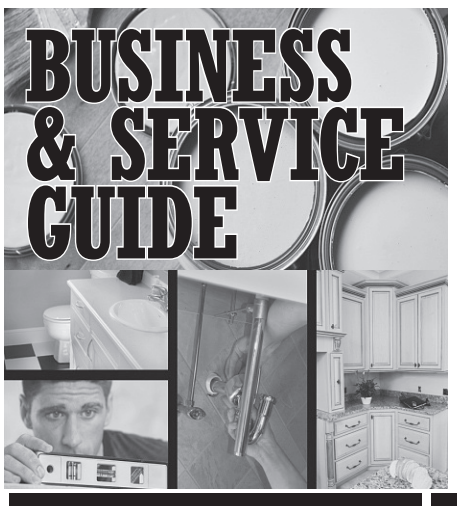

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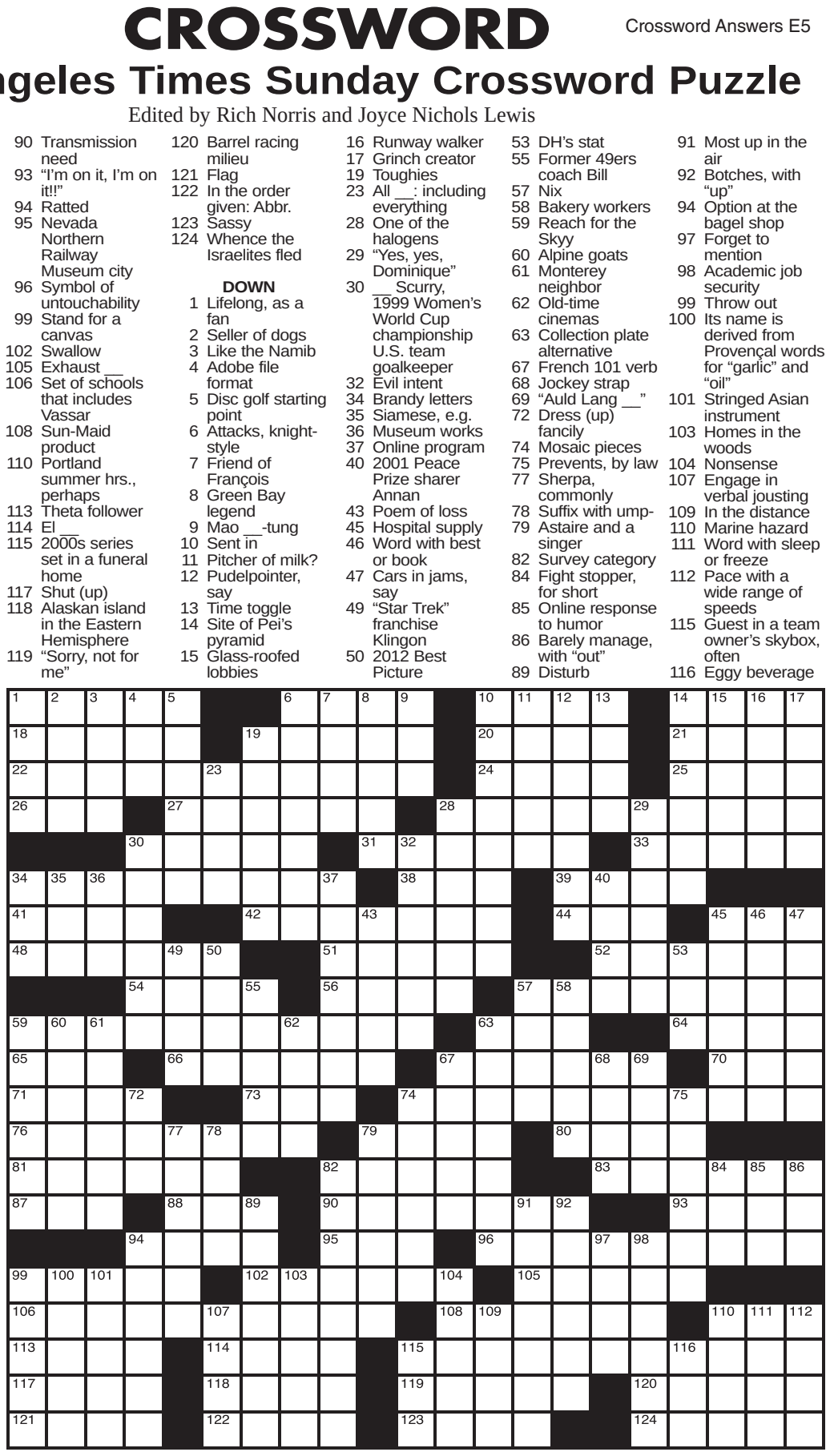

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HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Put an end to what's dragging you down. Face problems head-on and let go of whatever is no longer essential or necessary. It's time to begin a new chapter filled with promise. Traveling, engaging in educational pursuits and spending time with people who lift you spiritually, intellectually and emotionally are favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Leave nothing to chance. If you want something done correctly, do it yourself. Look at a change someone is making from every angle before you decide to get involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep the ideas flowing until you come up with a plan that you feel comfortable implementing. Any proposals you make will draw attention, support and controversy. Romance is in the stars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are overdue for a change. Shake things up and be the one to make the first move. A positive attitude and intelligence, coupled with enthusiasm, will get others on board.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Gather information before you expose your true feelings. Be sensitive to how your words will affect your listeners. A creative project will raise your awareness and change your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Address matters that concern your home, life and property. Be honest about your feelings, set the record straight and find out where you stand. Don't take a financial risk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen and learn. Partnerships will develop if you and someone close to you take an interest in a common goal. Personal gain, love and romance are encouraged.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A competitor will underestimate your ability. Speak up and present your thoughts with passion and dedication. Focus on improvements that will enhance your home or community.

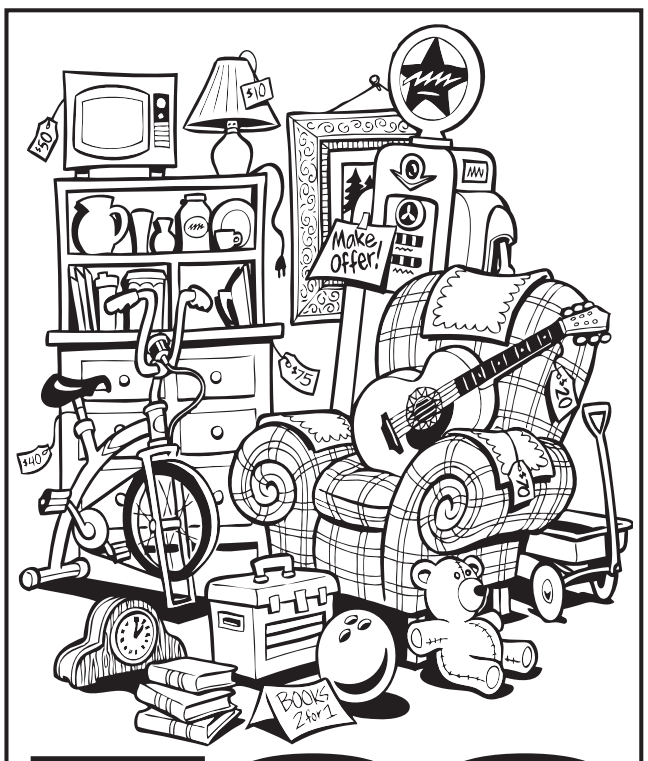
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Mental or physical travel will result in a change to the way you live, the people you hang out with or how you earn your living. Romance is in the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Update your papers, change your routine or do something that will make you happy. The help you offer someone in need will lead to a surprising payback.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Embrace what life has to offer. Consider who you enjoy spending time with and make plans that will bring you closer together. Personal growth, romance and physical improvement are featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Concentrate on what's important to you and steer clear of anyone who makes you feel uncertain or confused. Choose what works best for you instead of trying to please others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Engaging in social activity and getting involved in unusual forms of entertainment will lead to all sorts of new possibilities for partnerships. Someone will help you develop an idea.



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Wife worries about giving the gift of remote-start

DEAR CAR TALK: I am hoping to install a remote-start system in my 2012 Audi A4.

I worry about getting it installed and then having electrical issues with the car later on.

We bought the car used from a dealership if that helps at all. – Mary

DEAR MARY: If it's professionally installed, you shouldn't have any future electrical issues.

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

One option is to find a reputable car stereo and alarm place.

Almost all shops that install alarms also sell and install remote-starter kits. The problem is that stereo and alarm shops really run the gamut in terms of quality of work. So you need to do your homework.

You'll want to spend some time online, reading reviews of area alarm and stereo shops.

It would be even better to get a professional recommendation. If you have a regular mechanic you really like, ask him which alarm shop he trusts in the area.

Or you could call your Audi dealership and tell them what you're hoping to do. Ask the folks at the parts department or service department if they have an alarm company in the area that they recommend.

They may tell you that they do alarm and remote-starter work. Using the dealer would be a pretty good way to ensure that the work is done correctly. Or if it isn't done correctly for some reason, at least you'll know where to find them and get it corrected.

It's also possible that your dealer "subcontracts" this kind of work out to an alarm shop. If they do, they may not want to share the name of the shop since you could then go there directly, and eliminate the $100 markup that the dealership tacks on.

If that's the case, you'll have to use the dealership and pay a little more, or rely on your other research.

But it's not a complicated job for a conscientious, professional installer.

DEAR CAR TALK: My wife drives our 2002 Toyota Tacoma. It's a V6 with 180,000 miles.

She reports that the engine will sometime die when she shifts from park to reverse.

It doesn't happen every time, so it's hard to pin down. It seems like it's worse in hot weather, and usually happens when the AC is on.

A quick bump to neutral and the truck starts back up fine.

I bought the truck new, and it's in excellent shape otherwise, but now I'm worried about future transmission problems. Suggestions? – Ronny

DEAR RONNY: I doubt it's your transmission. More likely, something is causing your idle speed to drop. And when you put the truck in gear, which puts an additional load or "demand" on the engine, the idle speed drops a little bit more and the truck stalls.

I'd check the operation of your idle air control. When you use a major accessory like the AC – one that also places a big demand on the engine – the computer is supposed to tell the idle air control to boost up the idle speed to prevent it from dropping too low and stalling.

Your idle air control may not be working the way it's supposed to when the AC is on. It could just be dirty.

Even more likely, though, is that you have a vacuum leak. Vacuum leaks are very common on older cars and would also cause the idle speed to drop. Since it seems to happen only when you shift into reverse, it could be related to how the engine twists when you put the truck in reverse.

If you open the hood and watch while someone shifts the truck from park to reverse, you'll see that the engine actually moves a little bit in one direction. When the truck is shifted from reverse to drive, the engine will move in the opposite direction. While it only moves an inch or two, it can be enough to make a crack in a hose open up more or close down more. That's what I'd look for.

How do you do that? We'll have one guy plant his foot on the brakes and put the truck in reverse. And when the engine begins to stumble, we have another guy go around with a wand that's attached to a cylinder of propane. And that second guy will shoot a very small stream of propane gas around the areas where we suspect a vacuum leak.

When the propane encounters a vacuum leak, it gets sucked into the engine through the leak, and raises the idle speed. So when we hear the engine go faster, bingo, we've found the leak.

A vacuum leak could be anywhere, but I'd definitely check the fat, snorkellike hose that connects the air flow sensor to the throttle body. We've seen that hose leak before.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray Magliozzi in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email him by visiting the Car Talk website: www.cartalk.com.

Duesey donation, all EVs by 2035, and return of Hummer?

A special Duesey

For readers who like to take quickie day trips during the warmer months, I have a suggestion for you. How about a drive over to the northeast corner of Indiana and visit the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Ind.? Perhaps you've made the trip before but the year 2020 is a special one for the highly regarded car museum. The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the Duesenberg Automobile and Motor Company, Inc. The museum is celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime occasion by putting on display for the first time an unbelievable gift of the very first customer-purchased production passenger vehicle built by the Duesenberg brothers. Amazingly, the Duesey has been owned by the same family for 100 years.

Dar Davis

CyrAnn and James C. Castle, Jr. of California donated the 1921 Duesenberg Model A Coupe. The original owner was Samuel Northrup Castle, founder of Castle & Cooke Co., a Hawaiian sugar cooperative. Mr. Castle's 7-foot-tall stature required that body builder Bender Body Company of Cleveland, Ohio, raise the roof of the Model A to accommodate its owner's head. The Model A Coupe remained in Samuel Castle's possession until his death in 1959, when ownership was transferred to his son James Christian Castle. Upon the death of James Castle in 1994, son James Castle Jr. took possession.

"This gift to the museum is one of the most significant donations to the collection in the 45-year history of the museum," said Brandon J. Anderson, executive Ddrector and CEO of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. This Duesey Model A was the first in American passenger vehicles to be equipped with four-wheel hydraulic brakes and an overhead-cam in-line straight-eight engine producing a top speed of more than 100 mph. In 2010, the Castles commissioned a 10,000-hour, three-year restoration to bring the vehicle back to its original appearance and specifications. The restored Model A won the Classic Cars of America Trophy at the 2013 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Best of Show at the Niello Concours at Serrano and the Automotive Heritage Award at the Amelia Island Concours. It certainly can be said that a visit to the A-C-D Museum during the marque's centennial year will be an extra-special educational occasion. Duesenberg automobiles hold a special place in automotive history. I recommend readers plan a visit to Auburn this spring or summer and find out why.

Photo provided / Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Ind. announced this month that the first production passenger car Duesenberg sold in 1921 was donated to the nonprofit automobile museum to commemorate the museum's 100th anniversary. The vehicle, a Model A Coupe that was purchased by a Hawaiian family named Castle, has remained in the same family for the past 100 years. Plan a summer trip to the highly regarded museum to learn more about both Duesenberg history and this newly acquired Model A Coupe passenger car.

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Everyone has an opinion on whether the electric vehicle has a serious role in our transportation future. Recently presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg revealed a platform position calling for all vehicles sold in the U.S. to be pollution-free electric varieties by 2035. Whether former NYC Mayor Bloomberg gets his wish remains to be seen, but Chevy's little Bolt EV (shown) has already arrived and is seeking buyers.

All cars to be EVs by 2035

A headline in the most recent copy of the Automotive News trade journal caught my eye. The headline, "Bloomberg wants all new cars to be EVs by 2035," rather caught me off guard. It was the first time I had heard any presidential candidate make as bold a statement. It was part of his solution in addressing the debate about combating global warming. For me the headline roused both anxiety and hope. We all have our opinion on whether climate change is real or not. I like to believe that the scientists are right on this subject. It can't be argued that in recent years the weather patterns seem to be shifting and eventful weather conditions are causing havoc on all the planet's continents. Obviously, U.S. presidential hopeful Michael Bloomberg (media billionaire and former mayor of New York) believes that the exhausts of internal combustion engines (commonly referred to as ICE vehicles) are a serious part of the problem and he has unveiled a plan to slash greenhouse gas emissions from transportation by mandating all vehicles be electric vehicles. Bloomberg's just-released plans call for regulations requiring that all new U.S. cars be electric by 2035. He wants to see diesel pollution reduced with electric trucks and buses and find a way to improve access to public transportation and build high speed rail lines. If he wins in November, his goal will be to slash U.S. emissions linked to climate change by 50 percent by 2030. To my knowledge, Bloomberg has not put a dollar figure on his plans, but we know it will catch our attention. This will all cost a bundle, but the question I ask is do we have a choice? Something to think about in the months to come.

Remember the hummer?

There is a tantalizing rumor making the rounds in Detroit that GM may be bringing back the nameplate Hummer. Remember the Hummer? It was introduced in 1999 when GM bought the Hummer name rights from AM General and first introduced the H1 (a gussied up HumVee military vehicle used by the Army) and the H2, a beefy SUV based on Chevy's rugged 4-wheel drive Suburban. Later a smaller H3 model based on the Chevy Colorado made the scene and rumors were rife that an H4 was on the way, and that it would be a competitor to the popular Jeep Wrangler. The H1, H2 and H3 disappeared by 2010 following GM's 2009 filing for bankruptcy, and the Hummer brand went the way of the Dodo Bird. Or did it?

Readers who follow the auto industry may recall that one of the concessions that the UAW union won from GM following its 40-day strike last fall was an agreement that the automaker would keep open the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant located in Detroit. The buzz out of Detroit is that the plant will build a number of premium pickups and all will be electric-powered. It's even rumored that GM will use an advertisement in Sunday's Super Bowl to announce the revival of the Hummer name and indicate that it will sell a new family of electric pickups and SUVs. Apparently the Hummer will be sold as a sub-brand under the GMC nameplate and use the "Hummer by GMC" handle.

It's not a surprise to me that GM is moving towards this market – because it is profitable and is expected to grow. A year or two back I wrote an article in this space about GMC's success with its luxury Denali sub-brand. Initially an upgrade for the Yukon and Yukon XL SUV, it is now available across the entire line. According to GM sources, the premium GMC truck brand set in 2015 the goal of getting Denali to 25 percent of its sales in 2020. Surprisingly it hit 29 percent in just three years. In 2019 Denali deliveries amounted to 30 percent of GMC deliveries. The success of Denali encouraged GMC to offer another sub-brand named the AT4. It is slightly less expensive than the Denali, but GMC is thinking its more aggressive looks will appeal to younger buyers. Its sales are growing and the sub-brand will spread across the GMC lineup like Denali. The AT4's numbers sold so far are apparently not taking sales from the Denali.

Apparently this success with premium offerings is the incentive for GM to consider bringing back the Hummer nameplate and putting it on some (or all?) of the upcoming batch of all-electric pickups and SUVs to be built in the Detroit-Hamtramck plant. How all this turns out in the months to come remains to be seen. I guess we all need to watch NBA star LeBron James, the new GM spokesman, in the Super Bowl ad to see if we can better predict what's ahead.

Trivia question

Name the Hollywood celebrity who was a big fan and owner of the Hummer H1 SUV?

■ Trivia answer: Actor and former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Hybrids lose edge but here's 5 still worth buying

By RYAN ZUMMALLEN
Edmunds (AP)

Buying a hybrid in 2020 doesn't have the same cutting-edge feel that it used to back in the early 2000s. Today, all the hype surrounds the latest electric cars.

But do a little research and you'll find that hybrid vehicles are better than ever and provide impressive fuel economy with little to no compromise. As a bonus, many of the latest hybrids no longer take several years to "break even" in terms of cost versus fuel savings.

Here are five top-rated hybrids in a variety of styles, singled out by our experts, that quickly recoup their initial costs. All prices below include the destination charge.

2020 Honda Insight

Starting MSRP: $23,885

Our top pick for hybrid cars is the Honda Insight, a small sedan that hits the efficient marks hybrid drivers want. Perhaps more importantly, it avoids the pitfalls they don't want.

The Insight is not strange-looking, it isn't adorned with eco-conscious badges, and it isn't slow. It just works.

We especially like that the Insight combines its fuel economy with excellent value. In fact, in its Touring trim, the Insight has an MSRP that's $500 lower than the comparable Honda Civic on which it is based – and its EPA rating of 48 mpg in combined city/highway driving exceeds the Civic's 36 mpg.

2019 Kia Niro

Starting MSRP: $24,535

Kia sells the Niro as a hybrid, a plug-in hybrid and a fully electric vehicle. At an MSRP of $24,535, the Niro hybrid is easily the most affordable of the three, and its EPA rating of 50 mpg combined is among the highest you'll find on the market. We also like the Niro's interior comfort and standard technology.

There's no gasoline-only version of the Niro, so making a comparison is a little tricky, but Kia's Sportage crossover SUV is a good stand-in. The two offer similar amounts of storage space, especially with the rear seats folded down.

Go with the Niro and you'll pay $90 less than a comparable 2020 Sportage and get nearly double the fuel economy. The Sportage checks in with just 26 mpg combined.

2020 Ford Fusion Hybrid

Starting MSRP: $28,995

The Ford Fusion Hybrid presents a familiar problem for hybrid shoppers – it costs a significant amount more than the gasoline-powered version, to the tune of several thousand dollars.

But if you look to the top end, that isn't the case. While the standard Fusion Titanium has an MSRP of $35,445, the Fusion Hybrid Titanium costs $35,590 – an increase of just $145.

If you drive a lot of city miles, that difference will quickly become irrelevant. The Fusion Hybrid has an EPA rating of 43 mpg in the city, double the gas Fusion's rating of 21 mpg city. Over the course of owning the vehicle, it will deliver thousands in savings thanks to a low upfront cost.

2020 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid

Starting MSRP: $29,220

You may be surprised to learn that our experts like the RAV4 Hybrid more than the regular RAV4. It's more fun to drive and comes standard with all-wheel drive.

Toyota even offers a sport-tuned version of the RAV4 Hybrid, the XSE trim, that has no gasoline equivalent. Most Hybrid trims cost just $850 more than a comparable standard RAV4 model.

The biggest advantage, of course, is enhanced fuel economy. The RAV4 Hybrid achieves an EPA rating of 40 mpg in mixed driving. Compare that with 28 mpg combined for the all-wheel drive gasoline versions.

2020 Acura MDX

Starting MSRP: $54,025

It's a little harder to find a big SUV that doesn't hurt you at the pump. But the three-row Acura MDX Sport Hybrid has an EPA rating of 27 mpg combined, which is very good for a seven-passenger SUV with standard all-wheel drive. That's also up to 28 percent more fuel-efficient than a regular gasoline-only MDX.

At first glance, the MDX Sport Hybrid carries a steep $7,000 premium over the gas MDX. But when they're comparably equipped, the difference shrinks to only $1,500. It'll likely take a few years to recoup that cost on fuel savings, but in return, you'll use less gas and benefit from quicker acceleration than the regular MDX.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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BY EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Keep an open mind and be willing to let go of the past. Living in the moment will prepare you for what's to come. Push uncertainty aside and let experience be your guide. Don't wait for someone else to make you happy; it's your responsibility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Put minor issues aside and focus on having fun and enjoying your life and the people who mean the most to you. Look at what you have accomplished, not at what you haven't.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your sweet and friendly way of dealing with people will bring good results. Participate in events that will broaden your circle of friends or help you find a new interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Hard work will pay off. Doors will open, and your options will grow exponentially. Consider your options and do what works best for you. Make rational, not emotional, choices.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you keep the momentum flowing, you'll achieve more than you expected. Prepare to make a change that will help you head in a new and exciting direction. Romance is favored.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take a moment to think matters through. Refuse to let confusion set in or allow someone to lead you in the wrong direction. Stand up for your rights and pursue your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) How you handle others will affect the way you live. An unexpected change may take you by surprise. Embrace what's new and exciting. Romance is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Follow through with your plans or expect to be questioned. Be careful when sharing information about yourself or someone else. Gossip will require damage control. Truth and trust are encouraged.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change will be eye-opening. Expand your awareness and reach out to people who have something unique to offer. If you focus on relationships and romance, you will feel uplifted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Time will be important when it comes to projects and budgets. Walk away from a situation if it doesn't feel right. It's best to be smart and safe instead of sorry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Opportunities will develop if you use your skills or services to help someone. Consider starting a home-based business that would allow you to do something you enjoy while bringing in extra cash.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Let your intellect overrule your emotions. If you follow your heart, someone will take advantage of you. Bide your time and keep your feelings and intentions secret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone you meet at a social event will inspire you. Partnerships and opportunities to do your own thing look promising. Mental or physical travel will lead to a brand-new start. Romance is favored.

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FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,750
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 250
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 750
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD NEW YEAR'S RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE CASH*	- 1,750

SALE PRICE* $36,995

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

2020 FORD ESCAPE S ALL WHEEL DRIVE

AGATE BLACK METALLIC, 1.5 ECOBOOST ENGINE, REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY, REAR VIEW CAMERA, FORD CO-PILOT 360, AND MUCH MORE! F20077

MSRP	$27,775
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 780
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,500

SALE PRICE* $25,495

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2019 FORD F-350 CREW CAB 4X4 DUALLY KING RANCH

WHITE PLATINUM METALLIC TRI-COAT, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, 6.7 POWER STROKE DIESEL, LIMITED SLIP REAR AXLE, ADAPTIVE STEERING, LANE KEEPING ALERT, ULTIMATE TRAILER TOW CAMERA, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, POWER MOONROOF, QUAD BEAM LED HEADLAMPS, BLIND SPOT INFO SYSTEM, HEATED FRONT AND REAR SEATS, SPRAY-IN BEDLINER, 5TH WHEEL HITCH PREP, VEHICLE SAFE BY CONSOLE VAULT, AND MUCH MORE! F19443

MSRP	$80,860
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,365
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD NEW YEAR'S RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

SALE PRICE* $75,495

2020 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

ICONIC SILVER METALLIC, SECOND ROW SPLIT BENCH WITH EZ ENTRY, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, 2.3 ECOBOOST ENGINE, FORD CO-PILOT 360, REAR VIEW CAMERA, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! F20104

MSRP	$40,365
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,870
FORD RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD NEW YEAR'S RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 500
FORD WINTER TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 510

SALE PRICE* $35,485

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2019 RAM 2500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

RED PEARL, 6.4 V8 ENGINE, LONG BOX, 20 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, BUCKET SEATS, POWER SEATS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, AND MUCH MORE! C19182

MSRP	$55,900
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 5,905
REBATE	- 1,000
RAM COUPON	- 500
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 1,000
FCA CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERONE	$46,995
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $45,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2019 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4 DEMO

BILLET SILVER METALLIC, SKY ONE-TOUCH POWER TOP, 18 INCH TECH GRAY POLISHED FACE WHEELS, LED LIGHTING GROUP, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, INTEGRATED VOICE COMMAND WITH BLUETOOTH, HEATED STEERING WHEEL AND MUCH MORE! C19130

MSRP	$50,665
SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 4,670
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$43,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $43,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2019 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, TAN SUN RIDER SOFT TOP, POLISHED GRANITE CRYSTAL WHEELS, SATELLITE RADIO, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN AND MUCH MORE! C19141

MSRP	$39,010
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,015
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$32,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $32,495

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2020 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4

STINE GRAY, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, SATELLITE RADIO, 3.6 V6 ENGINE, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, CONVENIENCE GROUP, AND MUCH MORE! C20036

MSRP	$42,740
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,745
BONUS CASH	- 2,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$38,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $38,495

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2019 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4

OCEAN BLUE METALLIC, LEATHER INTERIOR, SKY ONE-TOUCH POWER TOP, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 18 INCH TECH GREY ALUMINUM WHEELS, 2.0 TURBO ENGINE, LED LIGHTING GROUP, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C19150

MSRP	$54,945
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 5,450
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 2,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$47,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $46,995

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2020 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

WHITE, LEATHER SEATS, POWER SEAT, REAR PARK ASSIST, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, VENTILATED SEATS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20093

MSRP	$32,890
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,145
REBATE	- 2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
REGIONAL RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 500
MICHIGAN AUTO SHOW BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$27,495
MIIITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $26,495

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2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, SATELLITE RADIO, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20044

MSRP	$29,845
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 850
REBATE	- 2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
JEEP SELECT INVENTORY CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$24,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $24,495

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER LIFTGATE, POWER SUNROOF, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20057

MSRP	$43,545
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,550
REBATE	- 1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
JEEP SELECT INVENTORY CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$39,745
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $38,745

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